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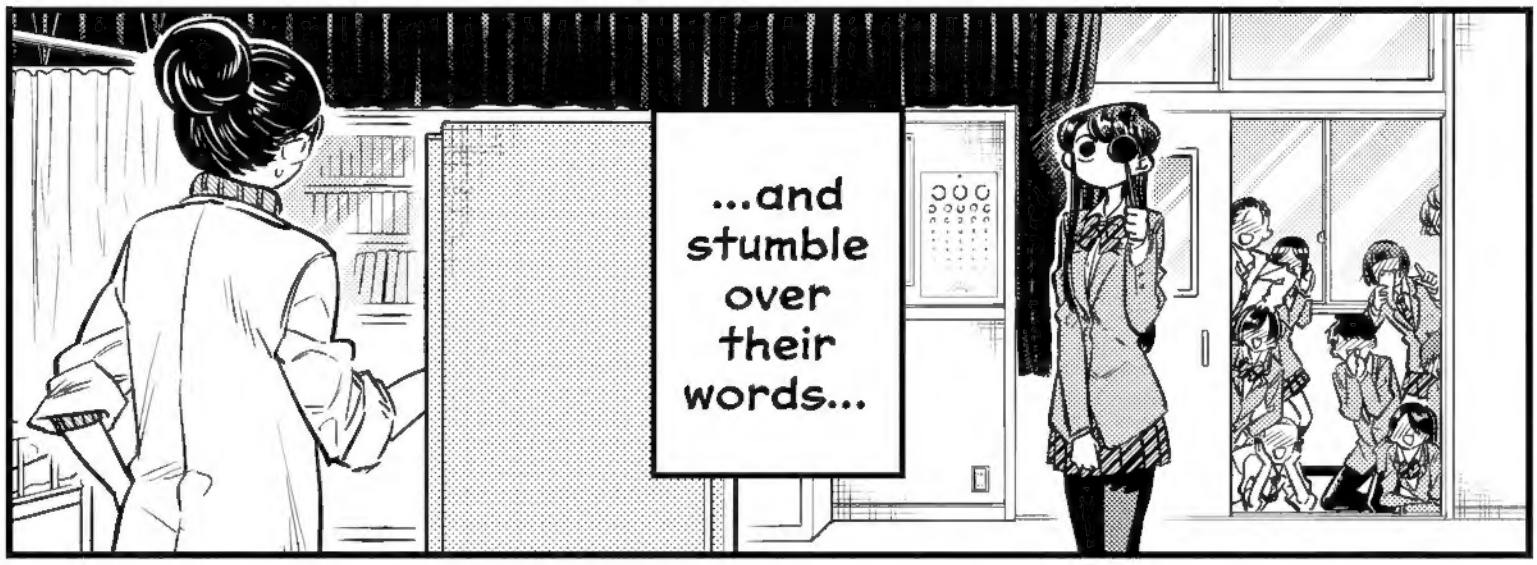


Communication 20: The Physical

Komi ...

...is the class prin-cess...

...and *god-dess.*

Her beauty entrances and entertains her subjects (classmates).

WHOOAA♥

OH, UM... NICE TO MEET YOU!

MY NAME IS **MAKERU YADANO.**

I'M JUST ANOTHER SUBJECT, BUT I HAVE **GOALS!**

AND ONE IS...

...TO BEST KOMI ...

CHOMP

NIBBLE

Yadano hates to lose.

...AT THE SCHOOL PHYSI-CAL!

WHY IS SHE GIVING KOMI THAT CREEPY LOOK?!

IF I BEAT HER IN THREE, I WIN!

Weight ! Vision ! Sitting Height ! Height !

And they are...

There are four parts to the physical.

*Her imagination

PWOO CHEW CHEW

...SO BEATING HER WILL MAKE ME THE COOLEST!

KOMI IS THE MOST SPLEN-DIFEROUS BEING IN OUR CLASS ...

About 0.7

MY EYESIGHT ISN'T GREAT, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THIS'LL BE A CINCH!!

...

WHAT'S UP? WHY ISN'T KOMI ANSWER-ING?

Can't see from back there

HUH ?!

Using finger to point

GOOD, KOMI! YOU'RE 1.5!

BUT SHE DIDN'T EVEN ANSWER!

GASP

Yada-no?

Huh? Y...

WHAT?! HOW'D THAT HAPPEN ?!

W-WHAT A LOW-DOWN TRICK!!

*Her imagination

CHEW

CHEW

PWOO

DID SHE BRIBE THE REF (TEACHER) ?!

Hey... That hurts ...

That hurts, Yada-no!!

GRRRRRR

Impor-tant

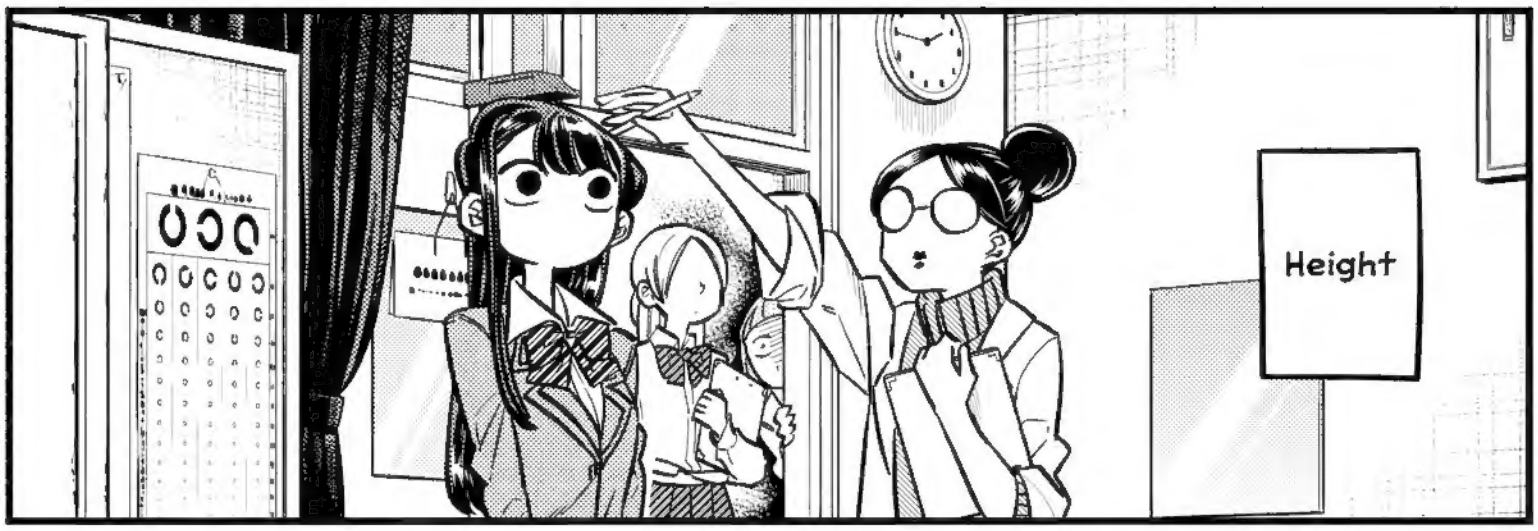
DOES SHE WANT TO BEAT ME THAT BADLY?!

Result: 0.7

URRRR

HG

NO MATTER! I'LL TOTALLY THRASH YOU!!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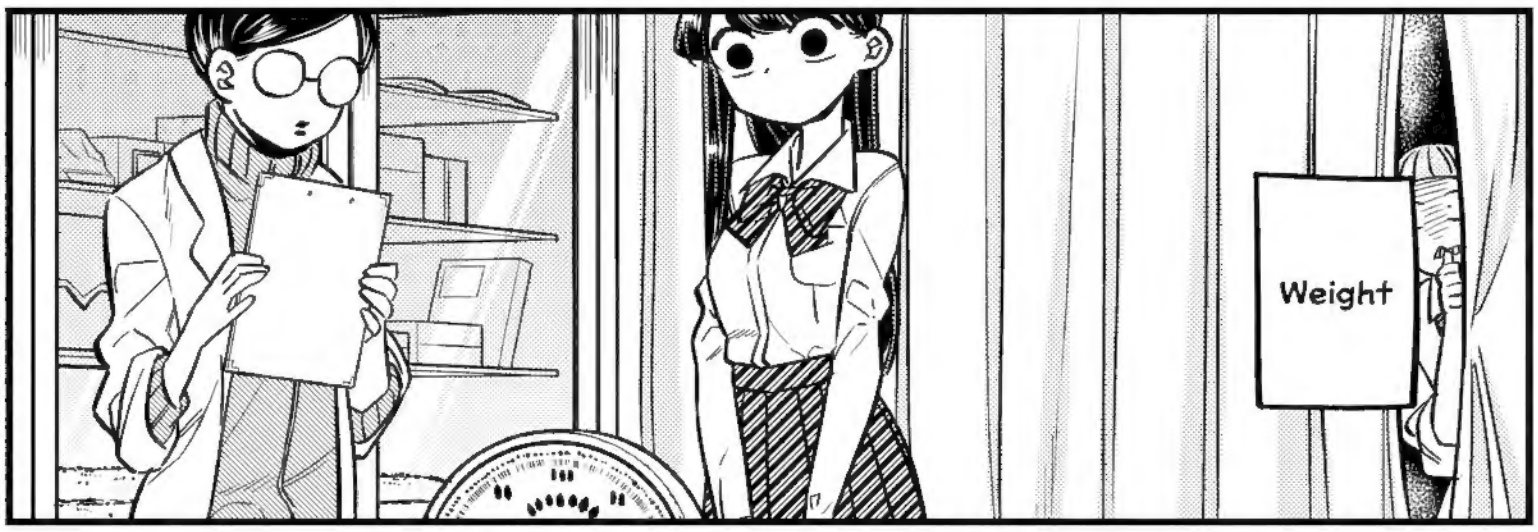
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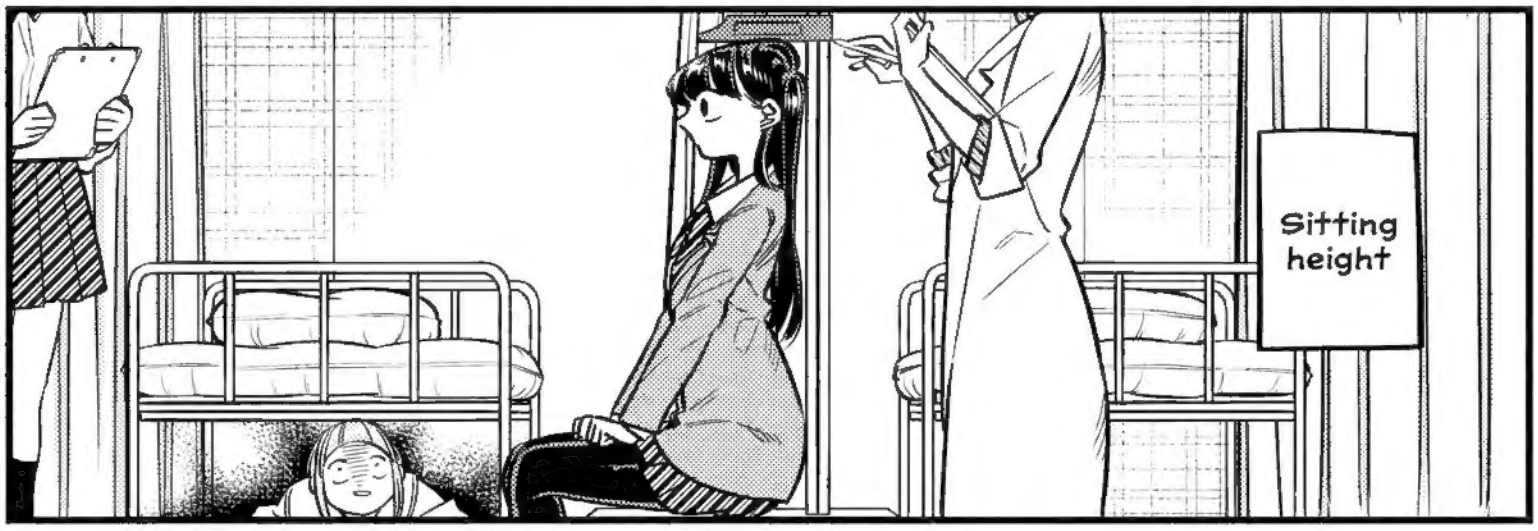
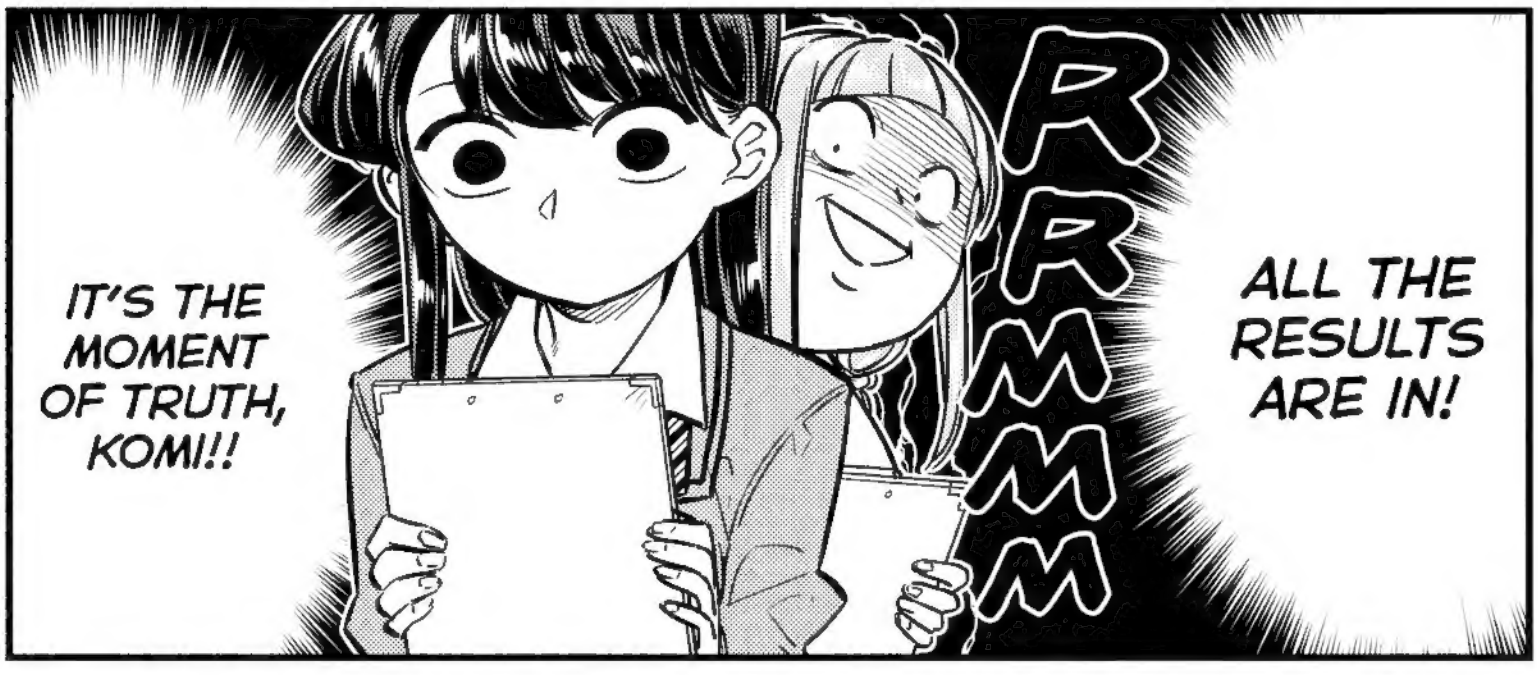

Sitting height


IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH, KOMI!!
RRMMM
ALL THE RESULTS ARE IN!

SHE'S TALLER! OH WELL... MOVING ON!

Name: Makeru Yadano

5'1"

GAH!

Class 1 Name: Shoko Komi

Height 5'6"

BA M

A HIGHER NUMBER IS BETTER, RIGHT?

5'1"

114

BA M

Height 5'6"

Weight 106

WHOA!

I WIN AGAIN!

114

34"

BA M

OOH!

106

32"

Vision 1.5

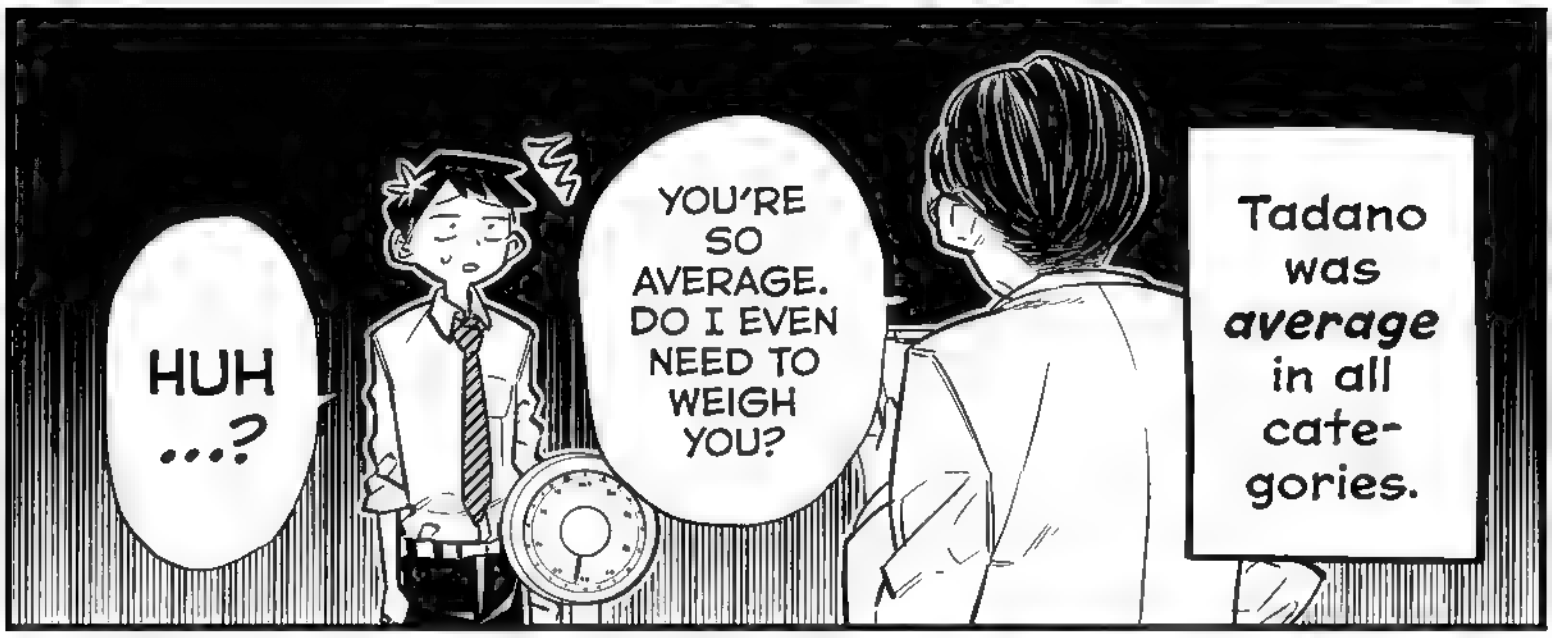
FLINCH

SM ASH

WAIT, LOWER NUMBERS ARE BETTER IN THOSE CATEGO-RIES!!

I'M SHORTER, SO WHY AM I HEAVIER ?!
TRMBL TRMBL
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ?!
AND I BET SHORT-LEGGED WOMEN ARE POPULAR SOMEWHERE!
ON THE SAVANNA OR WHEREVER, FATTER TOTALLY WINS IN FAMINE CONDITIONS!
HM? HOLD ON A SEC... WHO DECIDED SKINNY IS BETTER ?

Communication 20 – The End



Communication 21: Fitness Test

KOMI AND I TIED ON THE PHYSICAL.

SO AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'RE TOTALLY RIVALS!

RIGHT?

HI! WE MEET AGAIN!

I'M MAKERU YADANO!

YADANO

OW!!

BUMP

SUGIYAMA

THE FIGHT'S ON, KOMI!

IT'S TIME FOR OUR FITNESS TEST!

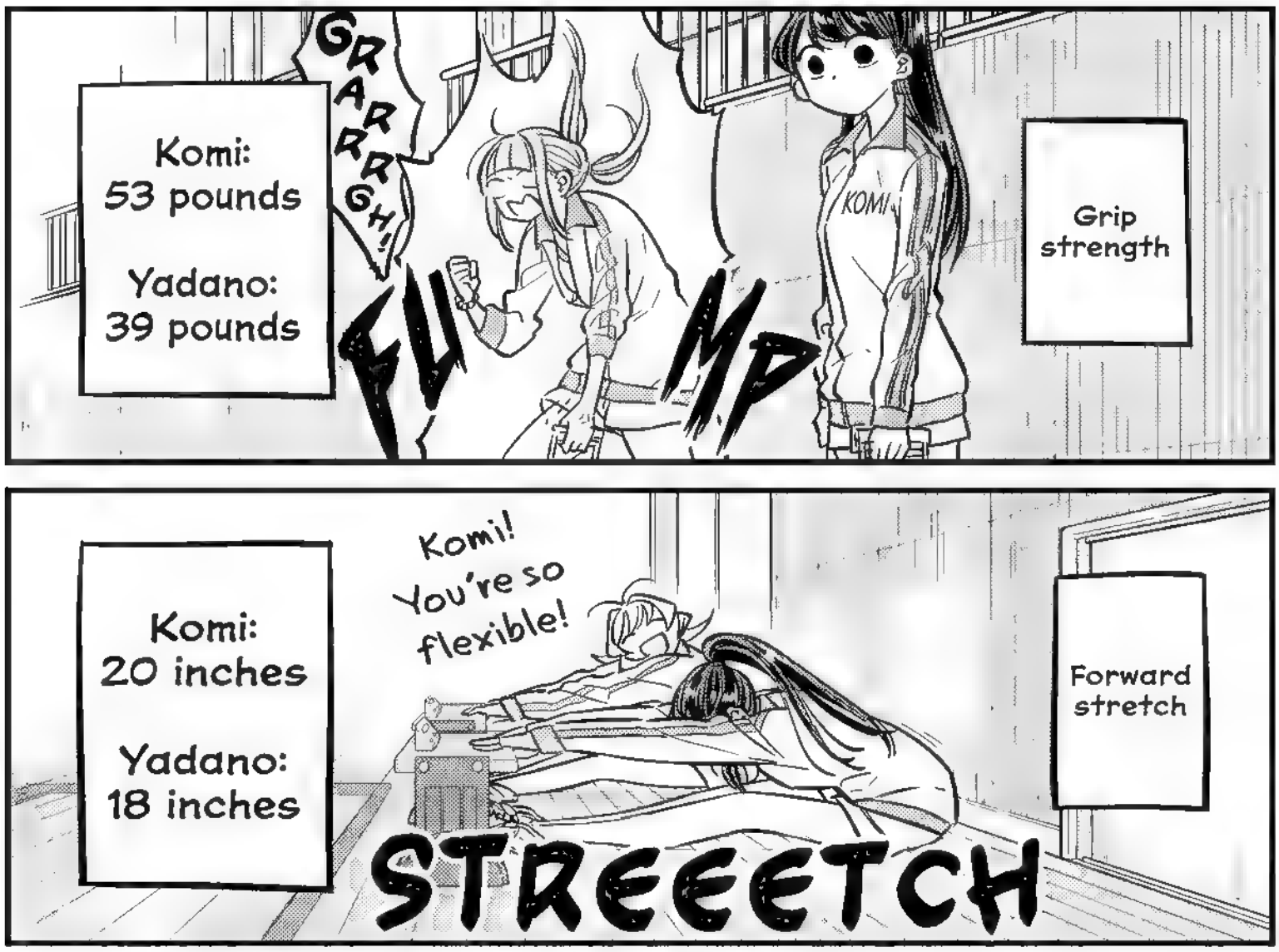
TADAAAH

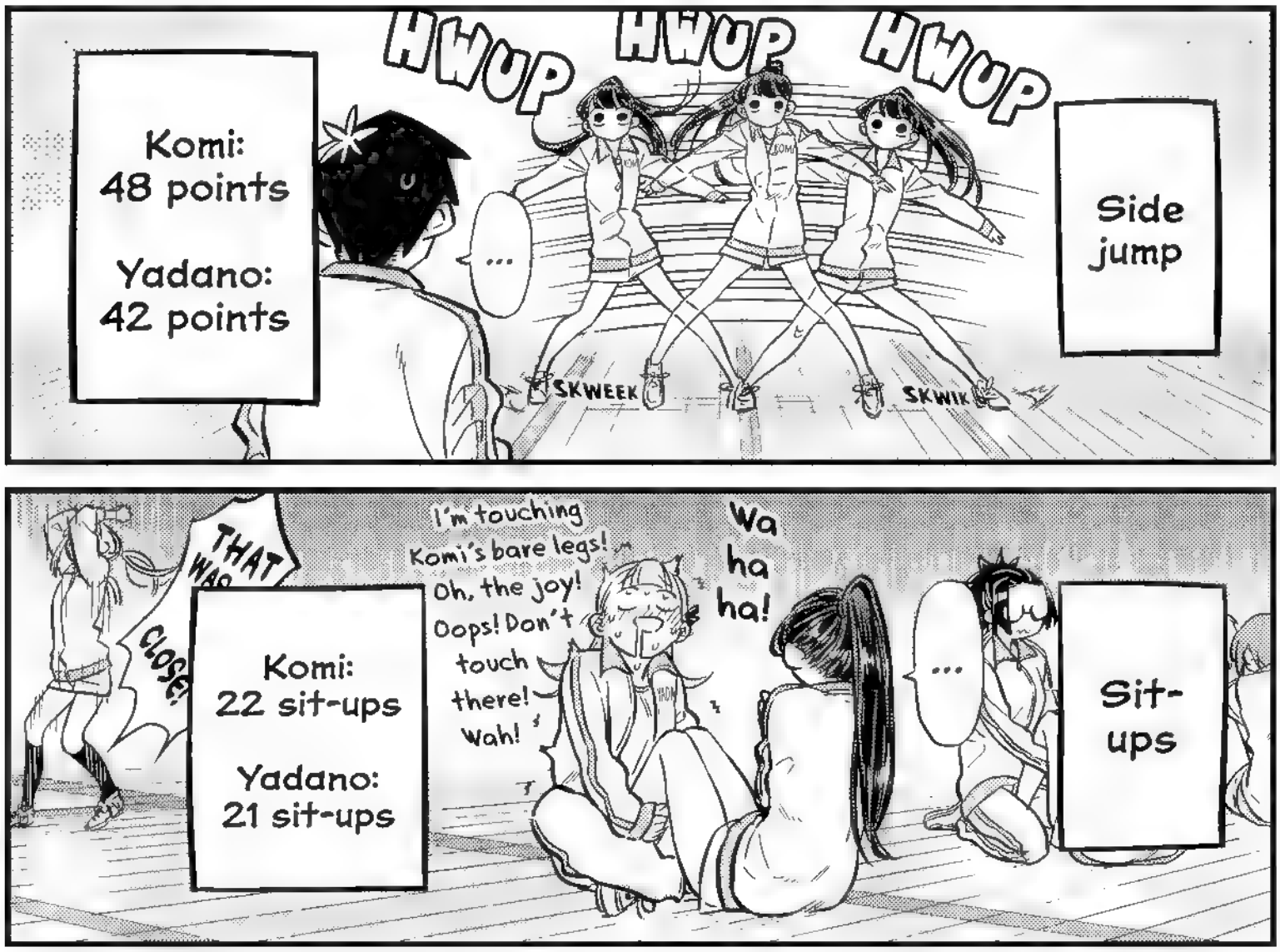
K-KOMI'S IN HER P.E. UNIFORM WITH A PONY-TAIL!!

KOMI

CHOMP...

...


Komi:
53 pounds
Yadano:
39 pounds
GRARRRGH!
FUMP
KOMI
Grip strength
Komi:
20 inches
Yadano:
18 inches
Komi! You're so flexible!
STREETCH
Forward stretch


Komi:
48 points
Yadano:
42 points
HWUP
HWUP
HWUP
...
SKWEEK
SKWIK
Side jump
THAT WAS CLOSE!
Komi:
22 sit-ups
Yadano:
21 sit-ups
I'm touching Komi's bare legs! Oh, the joy! Oops! Don't touch there! Wah!
Wa ha ha!
...
Sit-ups

Komi:
80 inches

Yadano:
65 inches

Long jump

Komi:
26 meters

Yadano:
5 meters

I messed up!

Hand-ball toss

ARE YOU SICK?

HM?

WHAT'S WRONG, YADANO?

GLOOM

Lost every-thing so far

?!

SNORT

I'M SO FRUS-TRATED !!

IF I DON'T WIN THIS, IT ALL ENDS...

...IN TOTAL DEFEAT!

THIS IS THE LAST EVENT!

50-meter dash

IF I TRY HARD, I CAN BE WHATEVER I WANNA BE!

NATURE, NURTURE AND GENETICS DON'T MATTER!

I AM THE MISTRESS OF MY OWN FATE!

I MUST WIN TO PROVE IT!

... get set ...

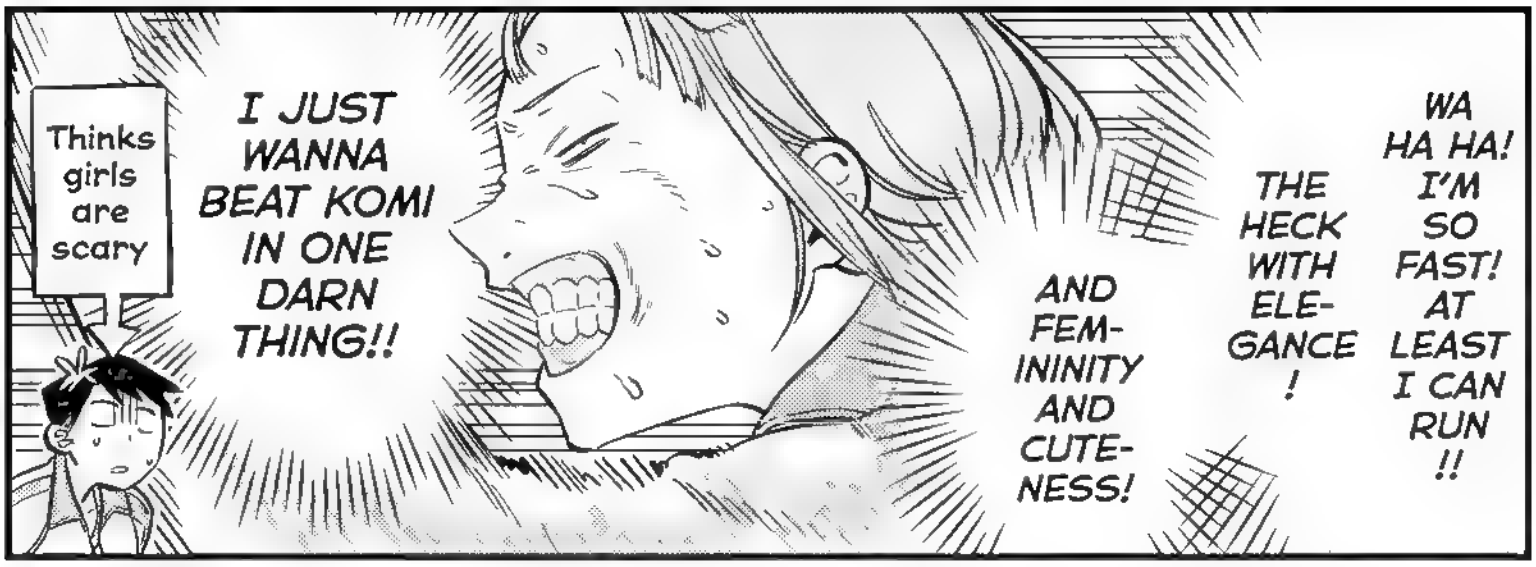
On your marks ...

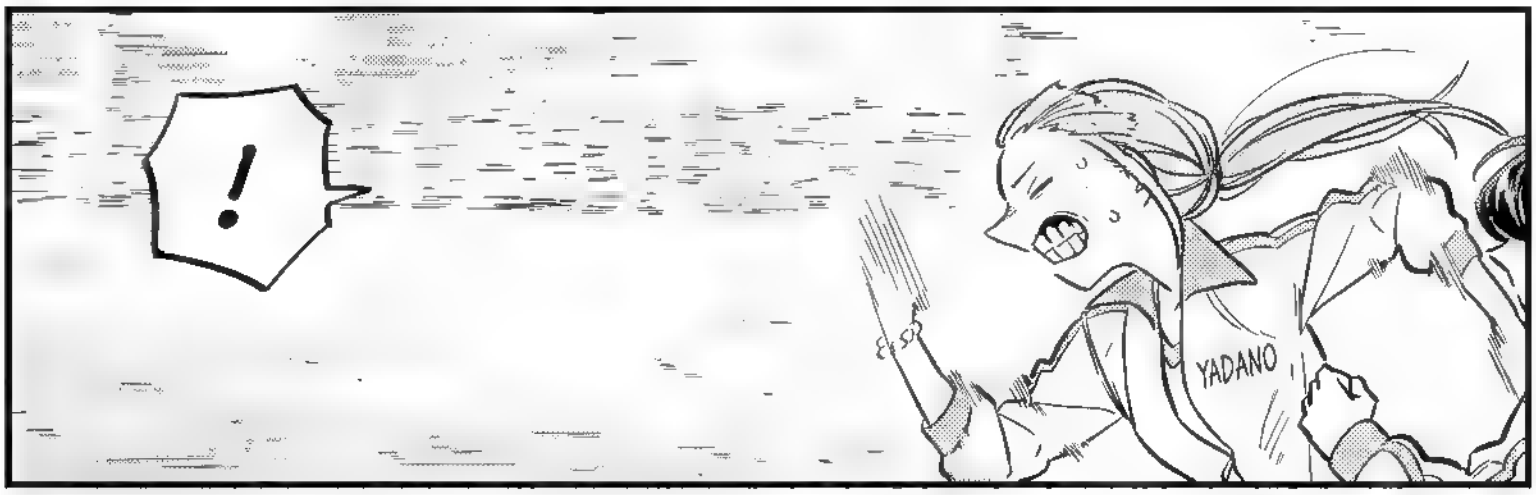
?!

BOOST

WIND PRES-SURE

EVEN IF I HAVE TO PAY A PRICE!!


Thinks girls are scary
I JUST WANNA BEAT KOMI IN ONE DARN THING!!
AND FEM-ININITY AND CUTE-NESS!
THE HECK WITH ELE-GANCE !
WA HA HA! I'M SO FAST! AT LEAST I CAN RUN !!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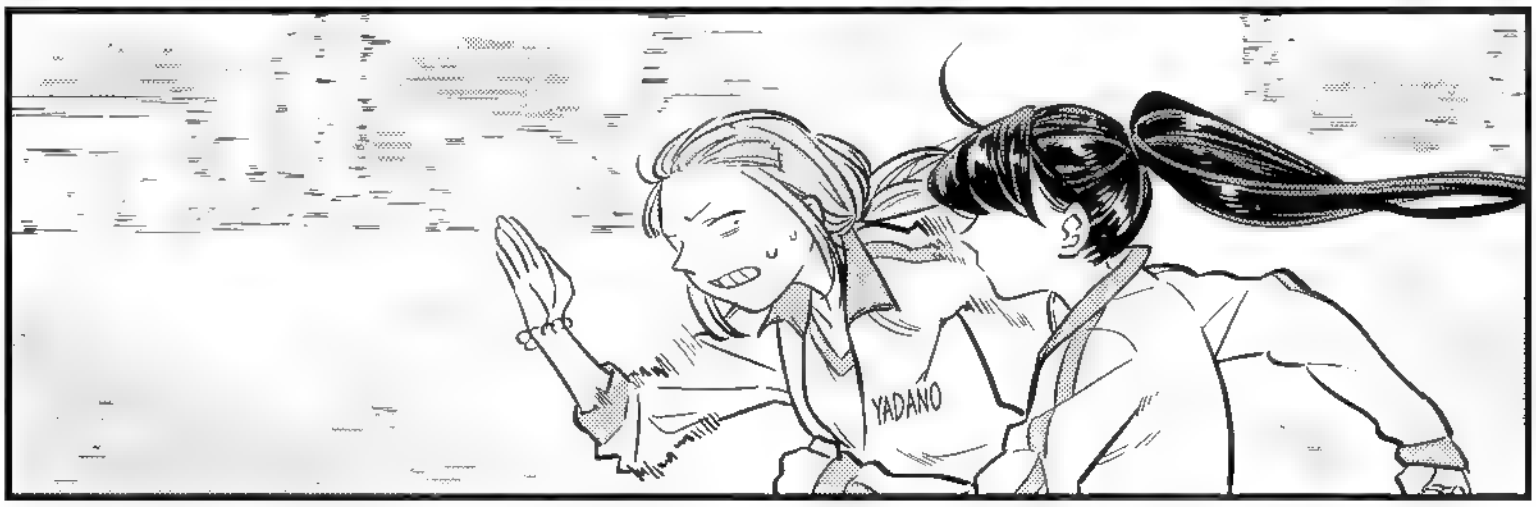
YADANO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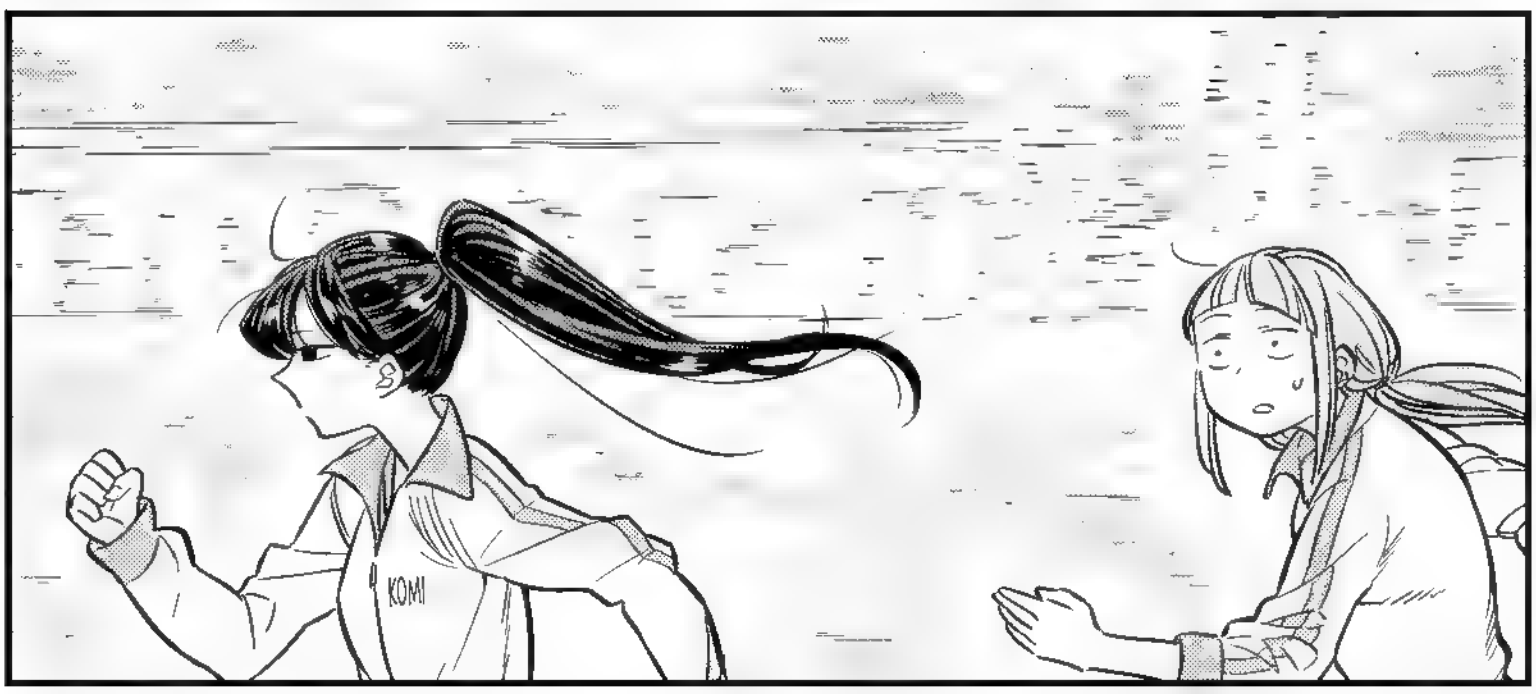

KOMI

Komi: 6.89 seconds

SHE'S SO PRETTY ...

FLINCH
KOMI
KOMI
...
YADA
...SO I ACCEPT DEFEAT.
YADANO
...MADE ME REALIZE WHAT A DIRTY MIND I HAVE...
WATCHING YOU RUN...

!
SWUP
KOM
Wasn't even aware of the battle
GLEAM
GLEAM
KOM
YADA
THANK YOU FOR FIGHTING ME.

...DON'T WANT TO SHAKE HANDS?

YOU...

...!

...AND YOU WANT ME TO KEEP WORKING HARD.

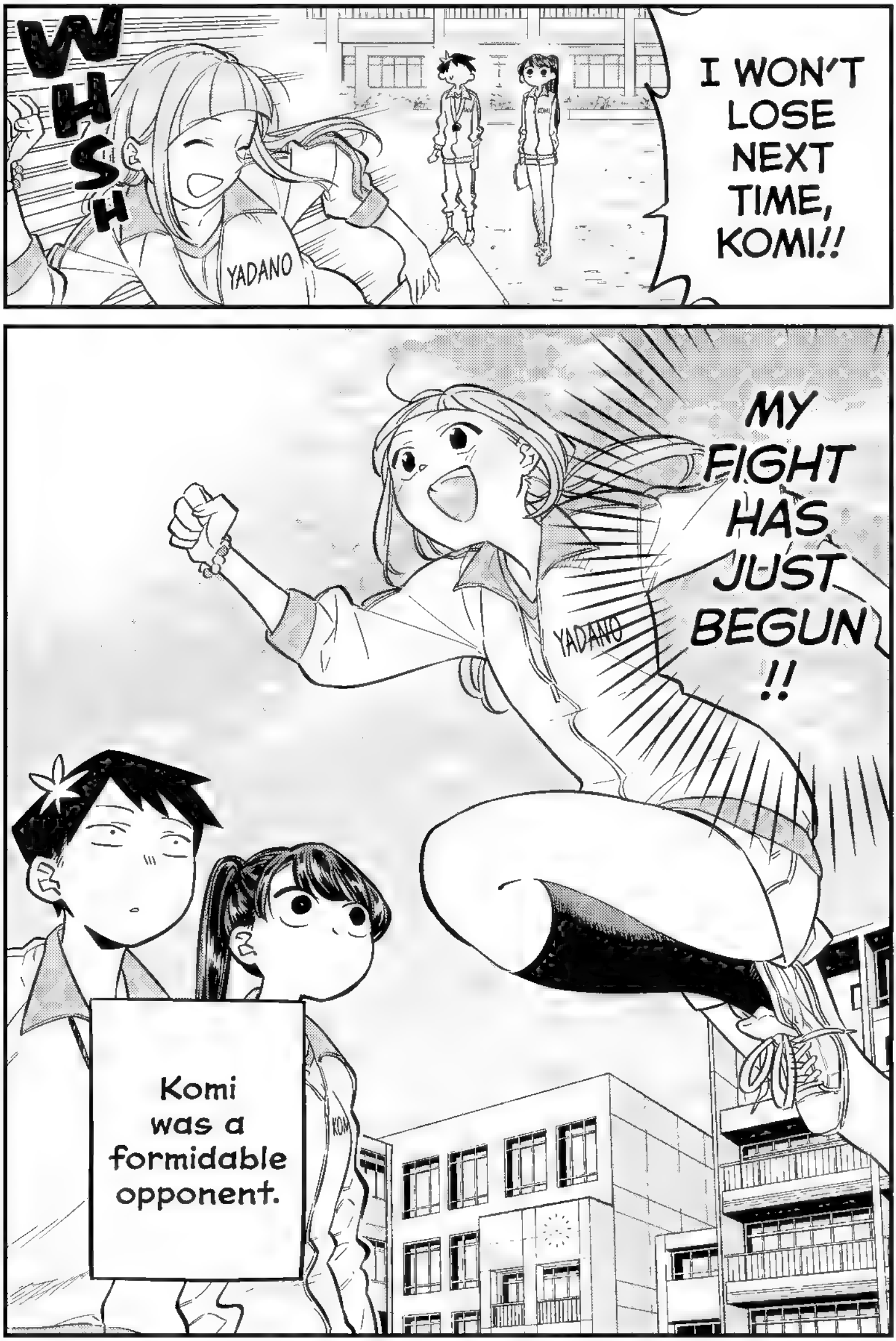
YADA

I SUPPOSE YOU THINK I'M GIVING UP...

?!

RIVALS

WHICH MEANS YOU VIEW ME AS A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT!!



Communication 21 — The End

CUSTOMERS MIGHT WONDER WHY THERE'S A PICTURE OF AN OLD WOMAN...

...BUT IT USED TO SHOW HER GRILLING RICE CAKES!

CHATTER

CHATTER

THERE ARE FOUR PACKAGES AND THE PICTURES TELL A STORY, BUT TWO OF THEM DON'T SHOW RICE CRACKERS OR EVEN SAY RICE CRACKERS!

BING

BONG

BUT LOBSTERS DON'T LIVE VERY LONG!

AND A WHALE SHARK'S BRAIN IS THE SIZE OF A PEANUT, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE SO BIG!

YADA

YADA

APPARENTLY, THEIR BRAINS ARE COMPARABLE TO A HORNED BEETLE'S, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE MAMMALS, SO HAMSTERS ARE SMARTER!

AND HE SAID, "Y–"

SO I THOUGHT I WAS SAFE, BUT THERE'S AN OLD MAN WHO WATCHES THE PLACE LIKE A HAWK!

BLAH

BLAH

YOU CAN'T PARK YOUR BIKE AT THE STATION, BUT FIVE MINUTES SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO BUY FAST FOOD, RIGHT?

HUH? HOW DOES THAT STORY END?!

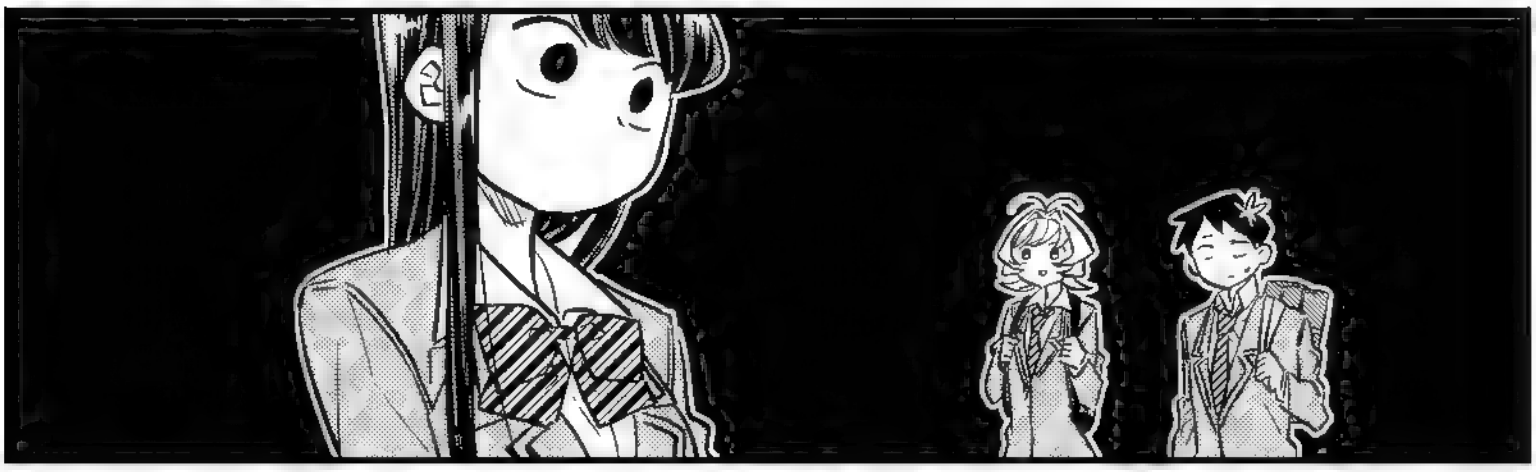
FWIP

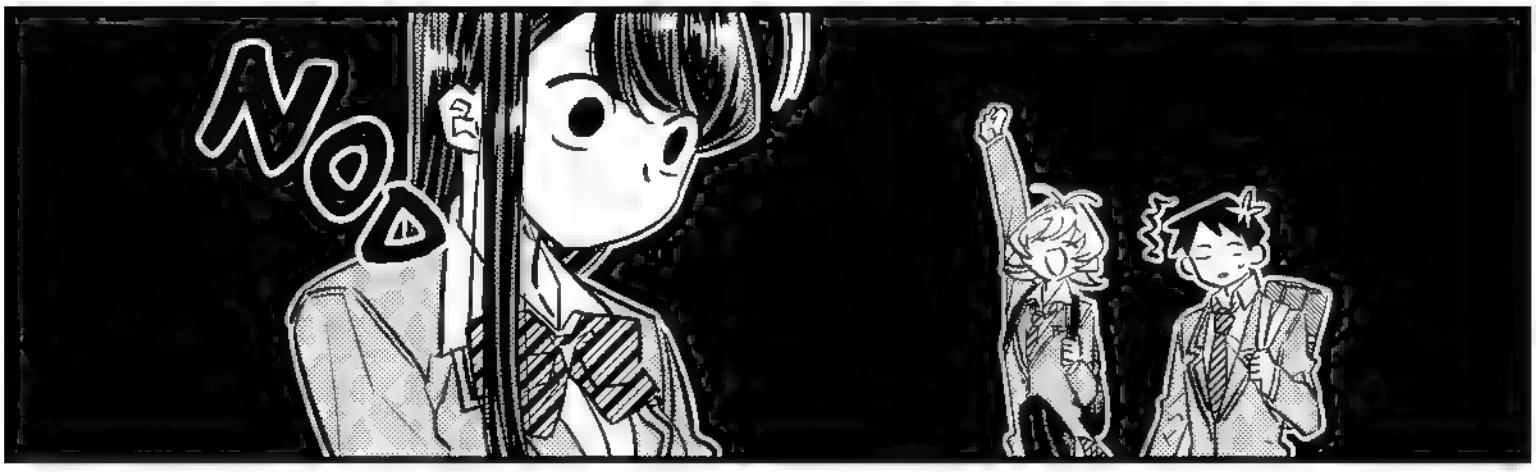
Hey! Can I hang at your house today, Komi?

Communication 22: Home Visit

SHH!
ISN'T THAT A BIT MUCH FOR HER?
HANG AT KOMI'S HOUSE?
K-KOMI IS STRUGGLING INTERNALLY!
Struggling internally

YOU AND YOUR EMPATHY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU CAN REFUSE!
I KNOW!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, KOMI!
DESIRE TO HAVE A FRIEND VISIT AND EMBARRASSMENT OVER REVEALING HER PRIVATE LIFE (PLUS OTHER FACTORS THAT AROUSE UNEASE) ARE LOCKED IN BATTLE!

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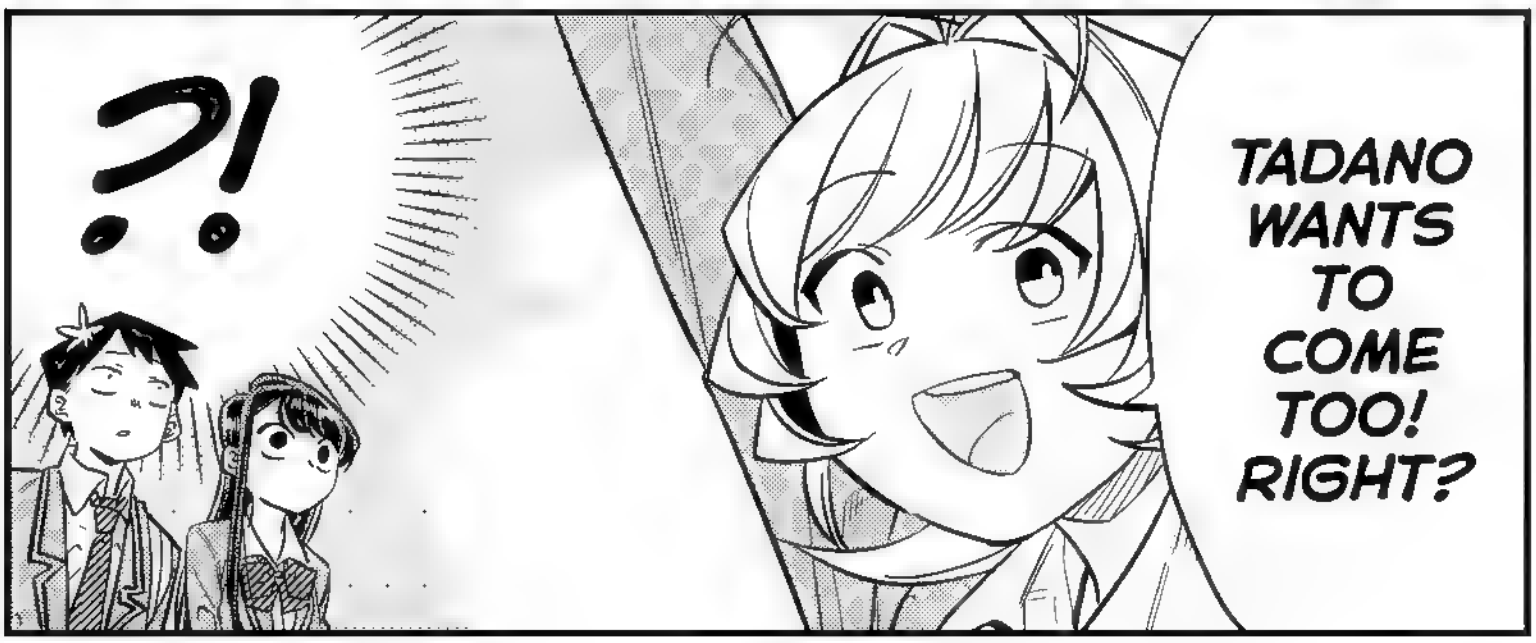
?!
TADANO WANTS TO COME TOO! RIGHT?

I'M DYING TO GO!

I WANT TO SEE HER ROOM !!

Inner Tadano

YEAH, BUT... WHADDAYA SAY, KOMI?

Don't be shy!

HUH? NO, I ...

I SIMPLY COULDN'T!

BUT YOU DON'T WANT US TO COME, RIGHT?

OR... YOU DO?!

NOD

WHICH IS IT?!

SHAKE

TREMBLE

JUDDER

JOLT

NOD NOD NOD

OOH! WHAT A FABULOUS HOUSE!

Komi's house

?!

No manners at all...

FWOOOSH

Never holds back

I'M GOIN' IN!

NOD

IS IT OKAY IF WE COME IN?

Really?

N-N-N-NOD

Trem-bling

Is it r-really okay?

HELLOOO!

SH-SHE'S BEAUTI-FUL!

THOSE EYES...

SHE'S DEFINITELY KOMI'S–

THAT NOSE ...

IT'S OVER-WHELMING!

...

!

HM?

THANK YOU FOR COMING! STEP RIGHT IN!

BOOM

WHAAAT?! OH MY! ARE YOU SHOKO'S FRIENDS?! SERIOUSLY?! THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!!

TEE HEE HEE!

...OR A TOTAL STRANG-ER?

...KO-MI'S MOM...

...OR HER SISTER...

HUH? ARE YOU...

SHUMP

I'M SHUKO KOMI, SHOKO'S MOTHER.

IT'S A PLEA-SURE TO MEET YOU.

WHAAAT?!

FWIP FWUP

GLEAM

AND I'M ETER-NALLY 17!

OH. MAYBE HE ISN'T HOME YET!

FWIP FWUP FWAP

BONK

SHOSUKE, HONEY! SHOKO BROUGHT FRIENDS!

Focused on not hyper-ventilating

STOP IT.

SNIFF SNIFF

TADANO, DOESN'T IT SMELL WONDER-FUL?

WHOA! THIS IS YOUR ROOM?

Shoko

KOMI'S BED...

KOMI'S BED!!

Already sitting

WOW! YOU KEEP IT NEAT!

CAN I SIT ON THE BED?

They're trying hard to avoid the topic of her mom.

Y-yeah!

Your toy kitties are so cute!!

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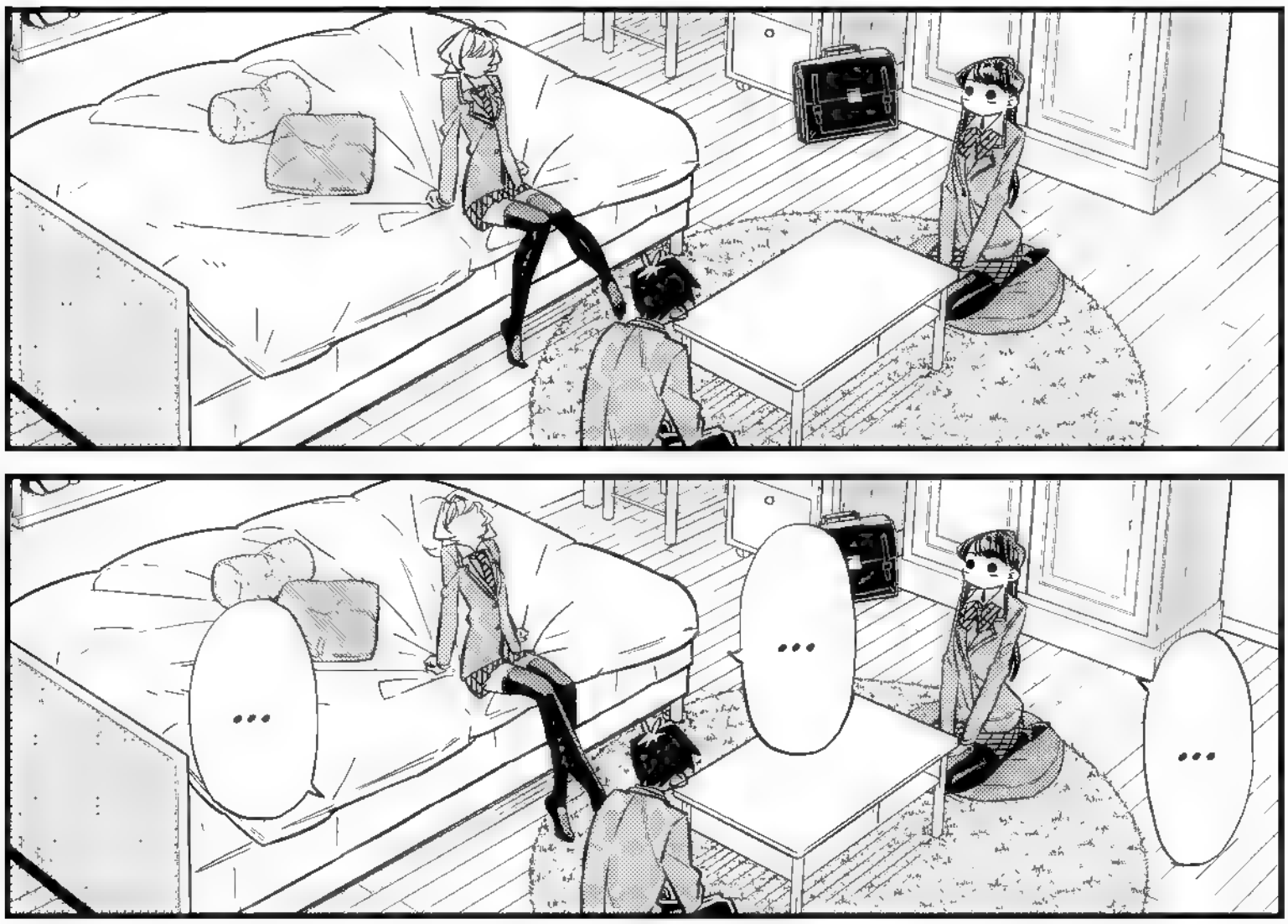
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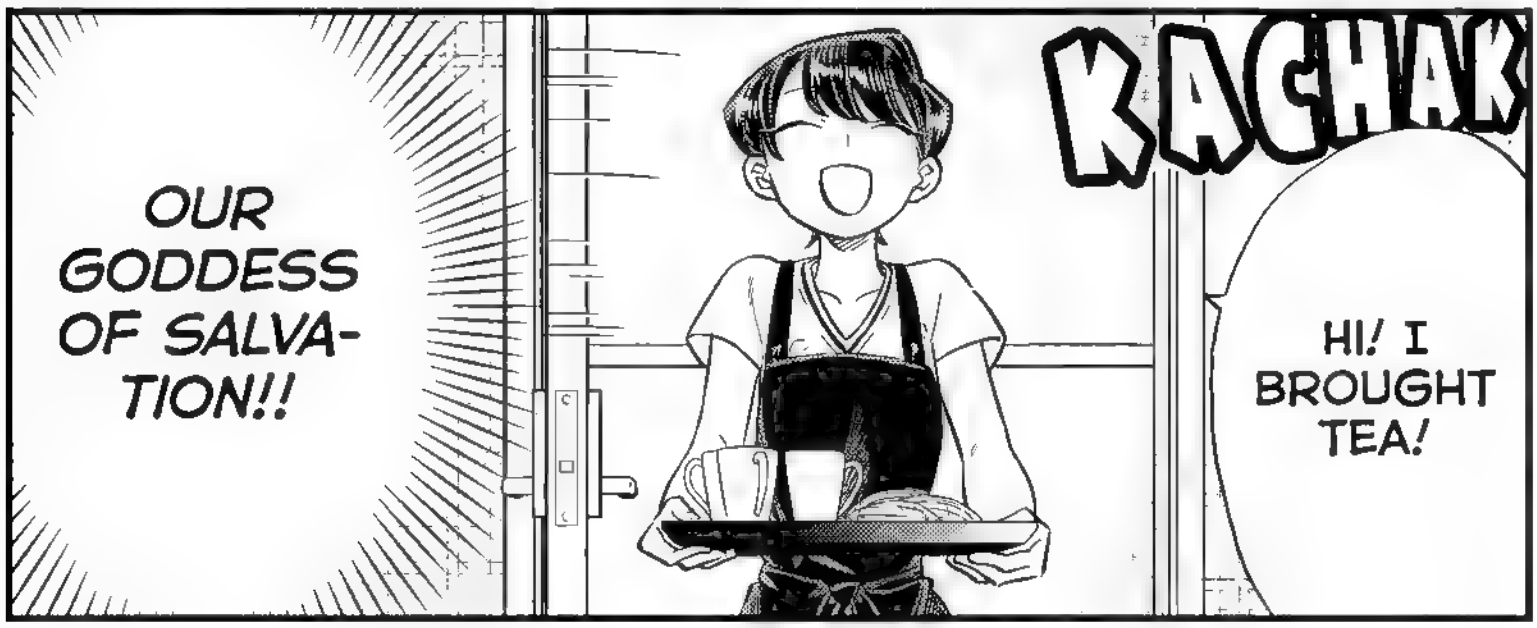
HUH? UM...
S-SAY SOME-THING, TADANO.
Doesn't know how to behave


OUR GODDESS OF SALVA-TION!!
KACHAK
HI! I BROUGHT TEA!

NOD

UM, CAN I USE THE BATH-ROOM?

I'M JUST FAKING ...

It's down on the right!

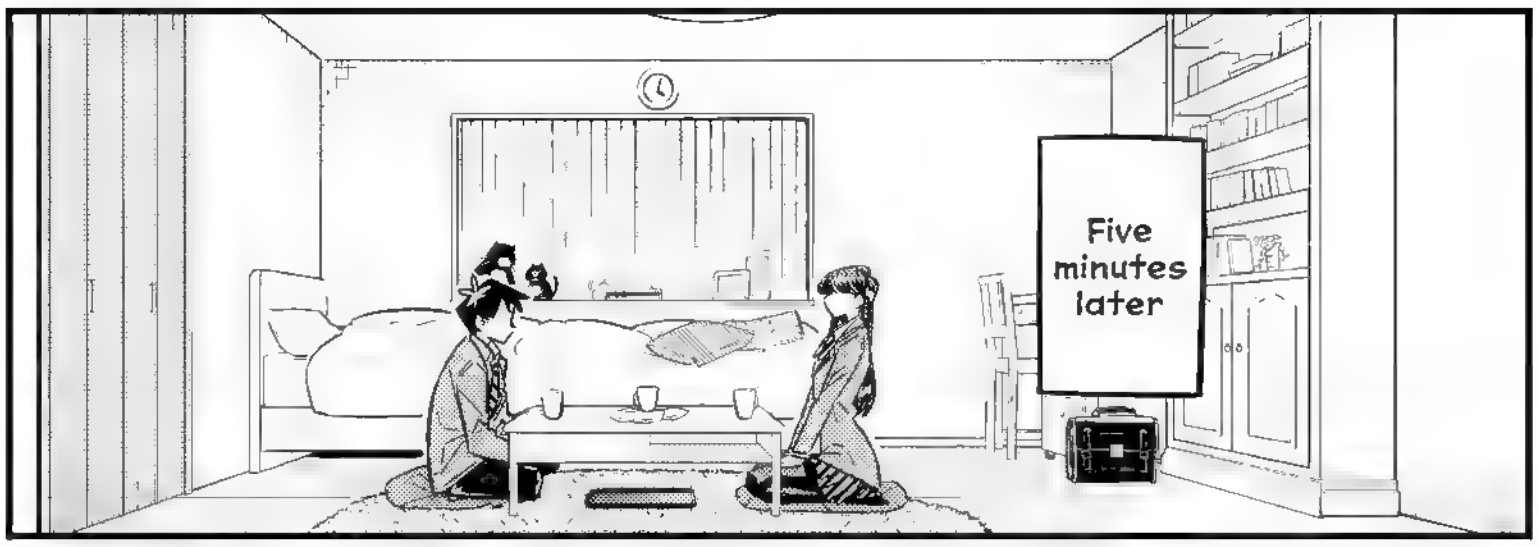
Na-jimi

...SO I CAN SPY ON KOMI AND TADANO !!

HIDE-AND-SEEK?

HEH HEH HEH

I BET THE MOOD'LL BE SO AWKWARD WITH JUST THE TWO OF THEM!!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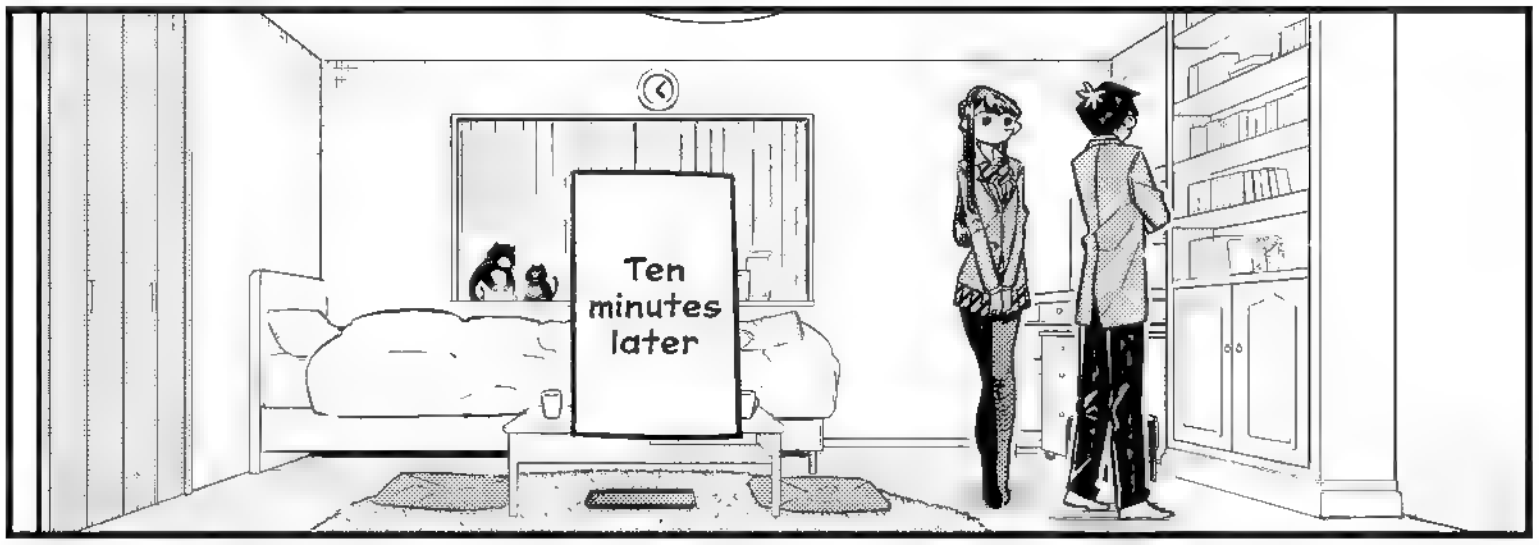
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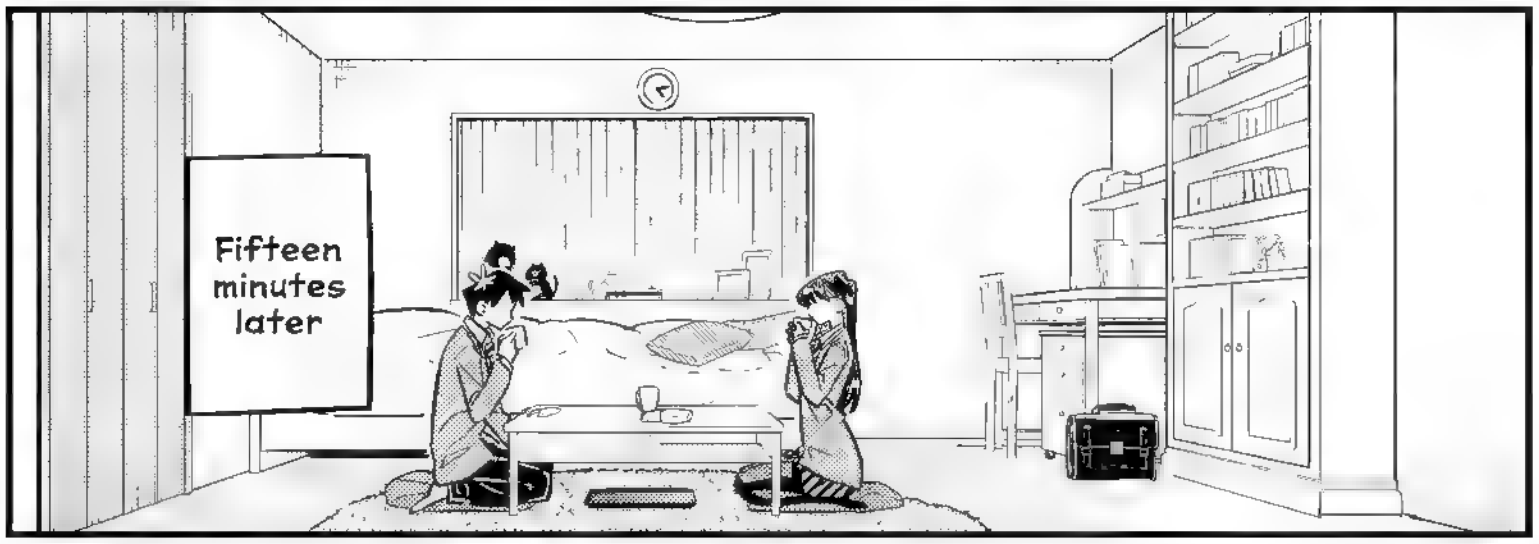

Fifteen minutes later

HM? NAJIMI, IS YOUR STOMACH ALL RIGHT?
WHAT? I WAS LYING ABOUT NEEDING THE BATH-ROOM!
You lied ?!
CREAK
WHY DON'T YOU TWO GET AWK-WARD?!
Are you an old married couple?!

I'M INSIDE KOMI'S ROOM!

SHE MUST HAVE SECRETS IN HERE!

AND I WANNA SEE 'EM!

WHAT A BLAST!

EXPOSING SECRETS IS NECESSARY FOR DEEPENING A FRIENDSHIP!!

Under the blankets ...?

I BET OSANA'S UP TO NO GOOD...

A TEEN-AGE BOY WOULD HIDE SOMETHING HERE, BUT... NOTHING?

JOLT

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

HUH?

?!

FUMP

Why Can't I Talk?

Even Monkeys Can Have Conversations

TALK WITH CATS

How to Talk to People

FWIP

FWIP

Embar-rassed

N-NOD

Hag-gard

KOMI, CAN I LOOK AT YOUR PHOTO ALBUMS?

N

MEMORIES

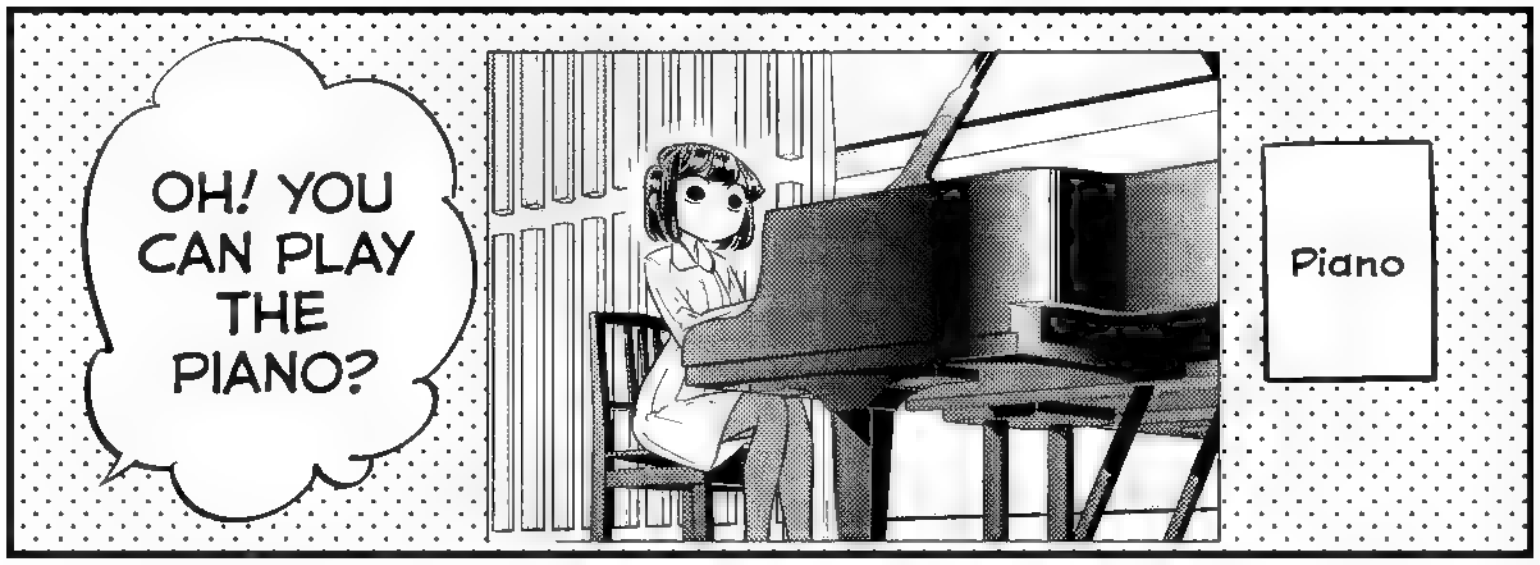
WHOA! THERE YOU ARE IN A SWIMSUIT!

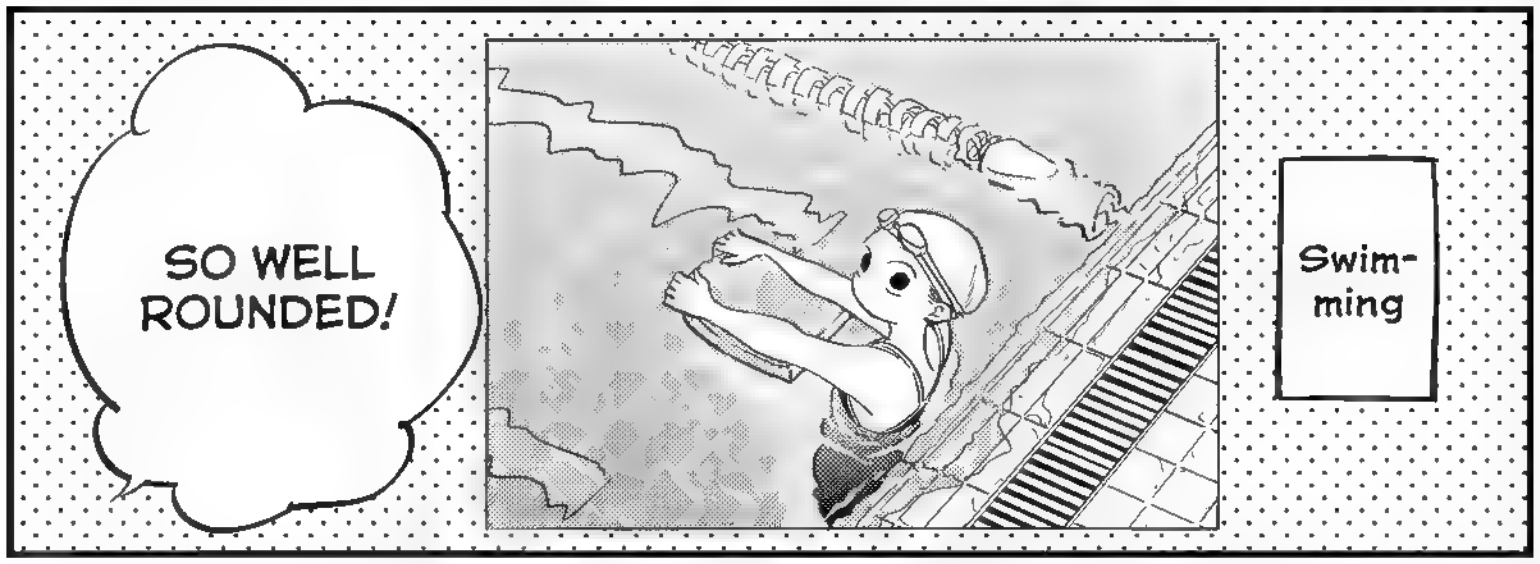
FWUP FWUP

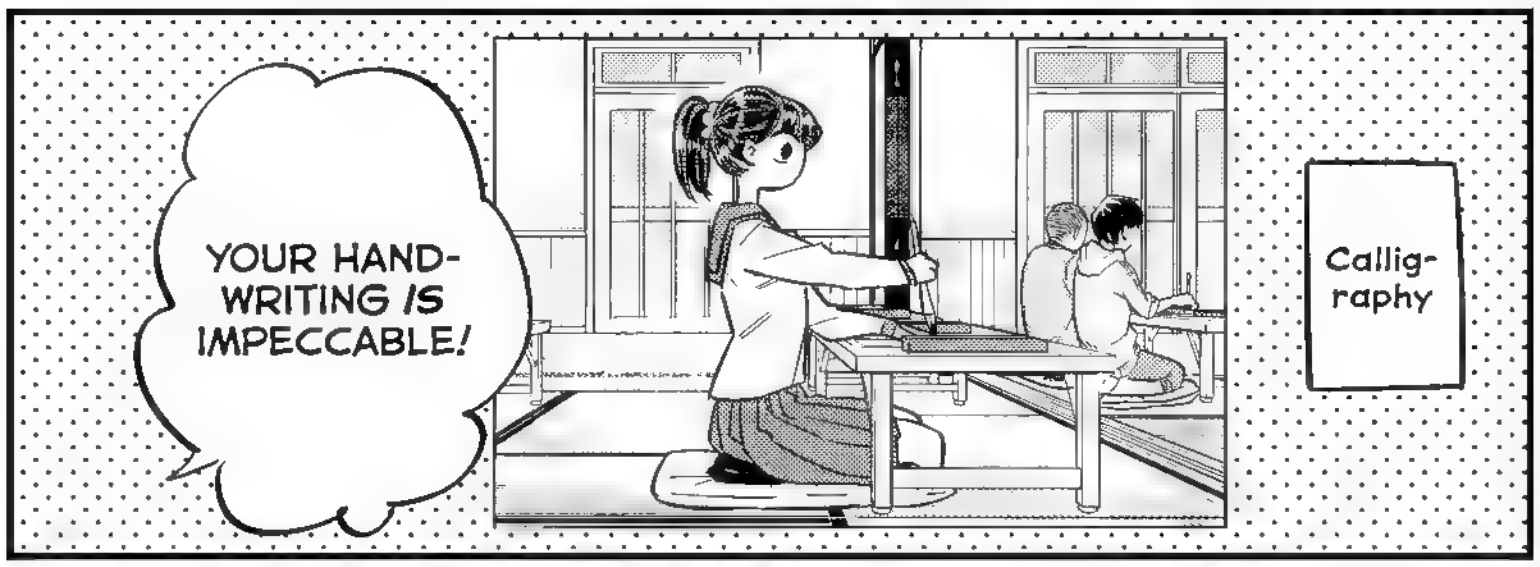
WHERE IS THIS? HOW PRETTY!

OOH! HOW CUTE!

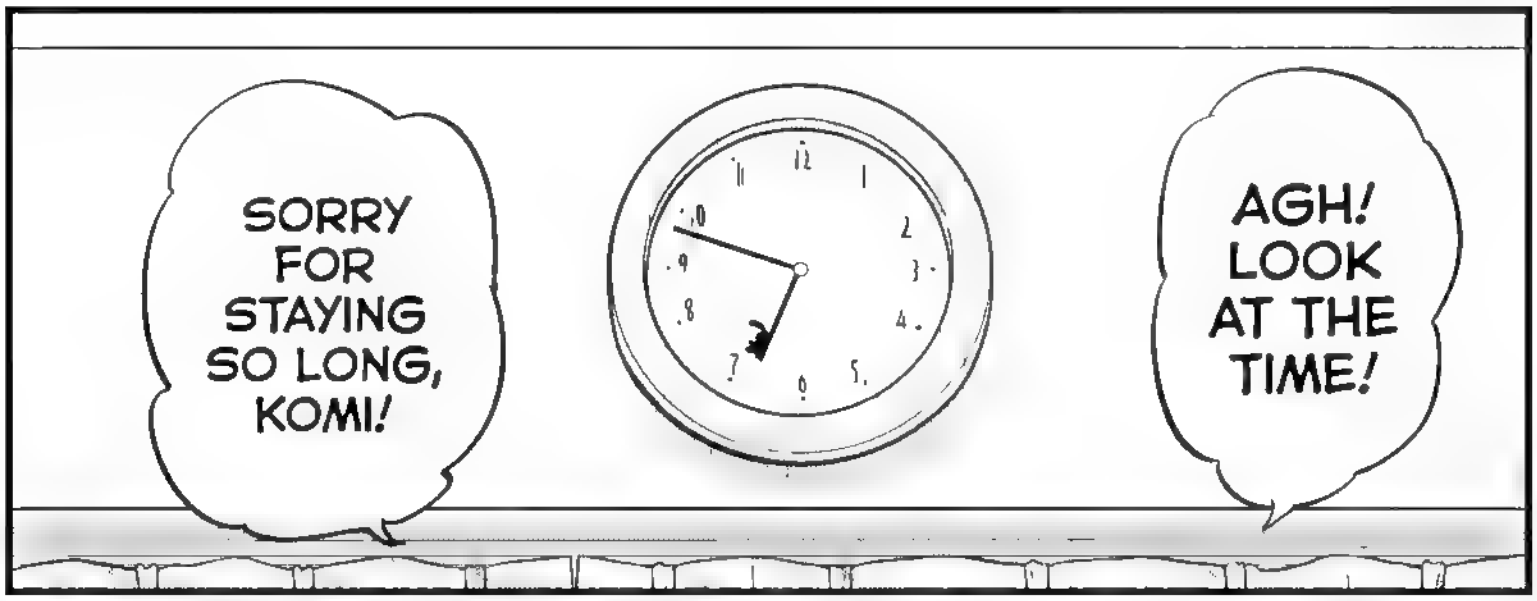
SHE'S ALWAYS ALONE ...

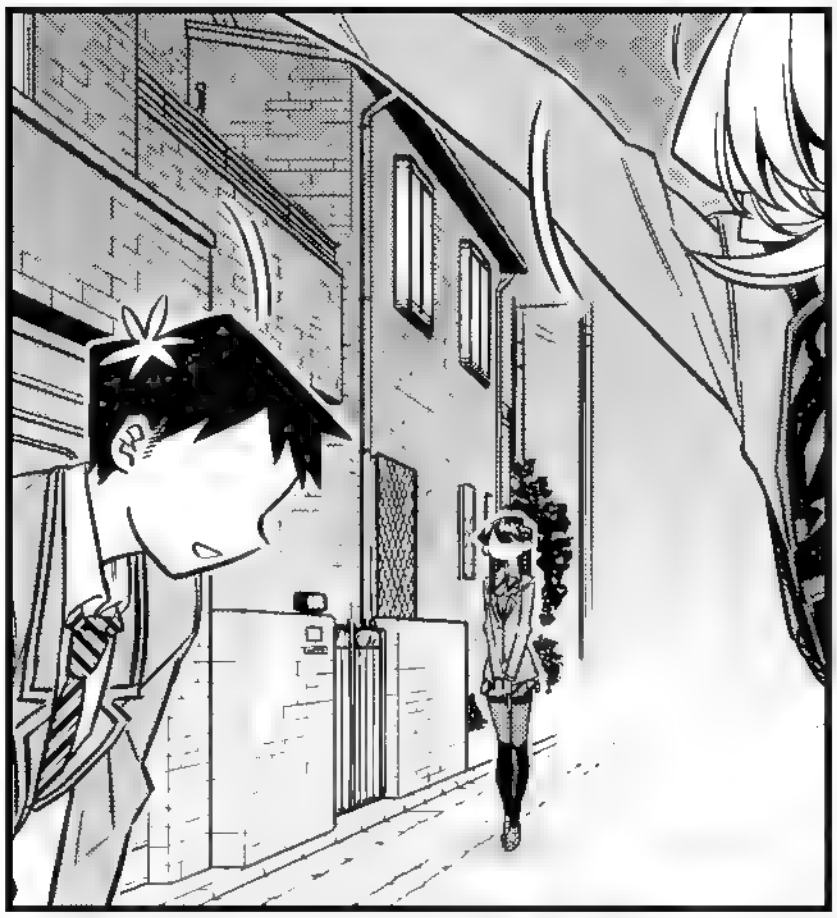

OH! YOU CAN PLAY THE PIANO?
Piano


SO WELL ROUNDED!
Swim-ming


YOUR HAND-WRITING IS IMPECCABLE!
Calligraphy

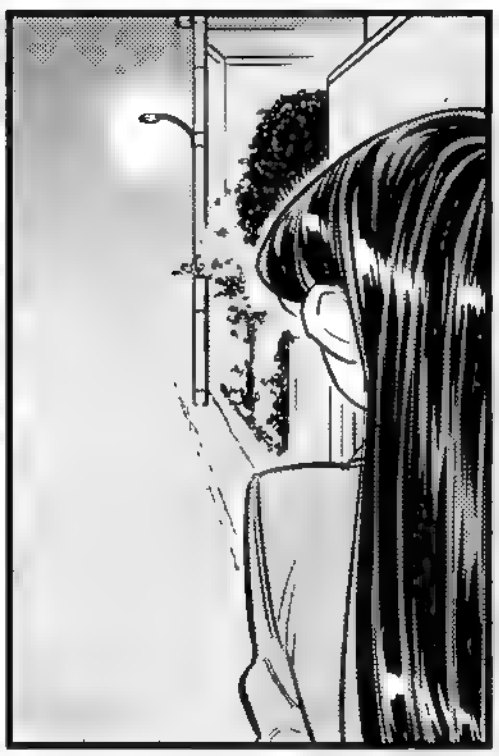
Komi can't communicate in English either.
OH ...
... THAT'S HARSH.
A B C D E F
English conversation

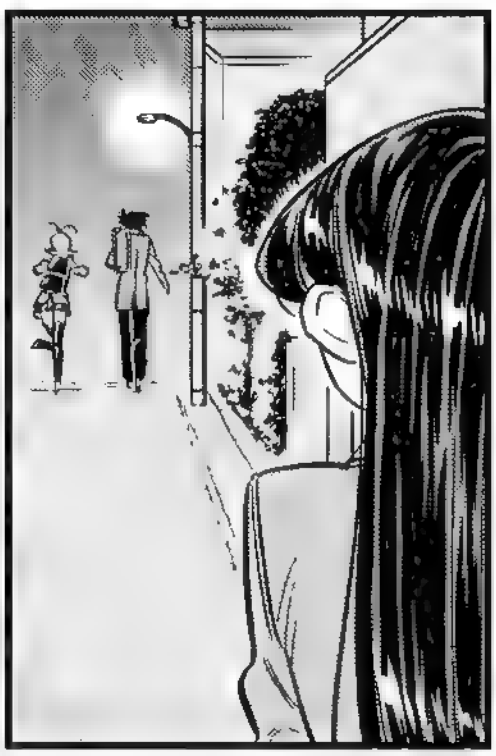

SORRY FOR STAYING SO LONG, KOMI!
AGH! LOOK AT THE TIME!



WE SHOULD GET GOING!

KA CHAK





KA CHAK

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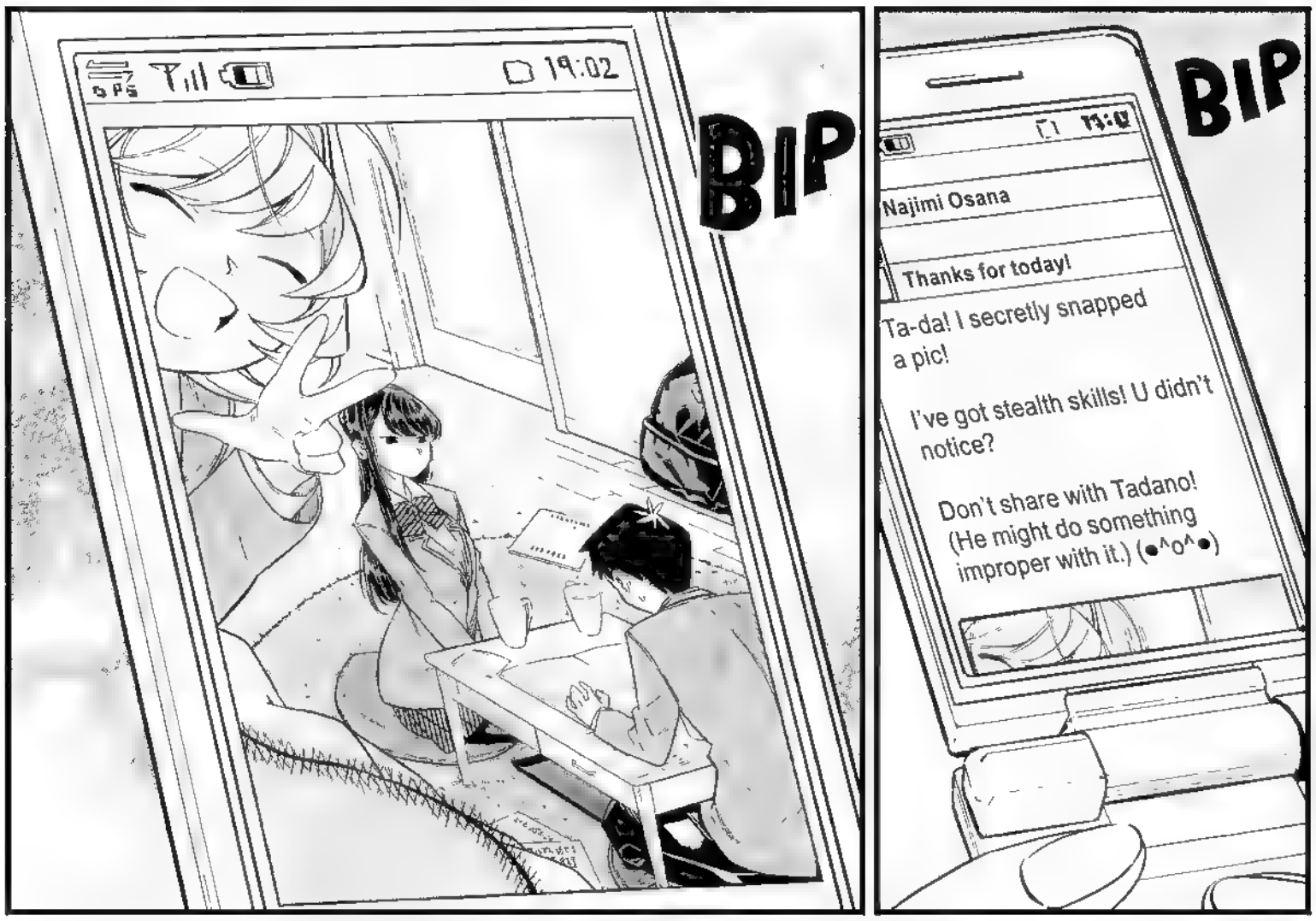
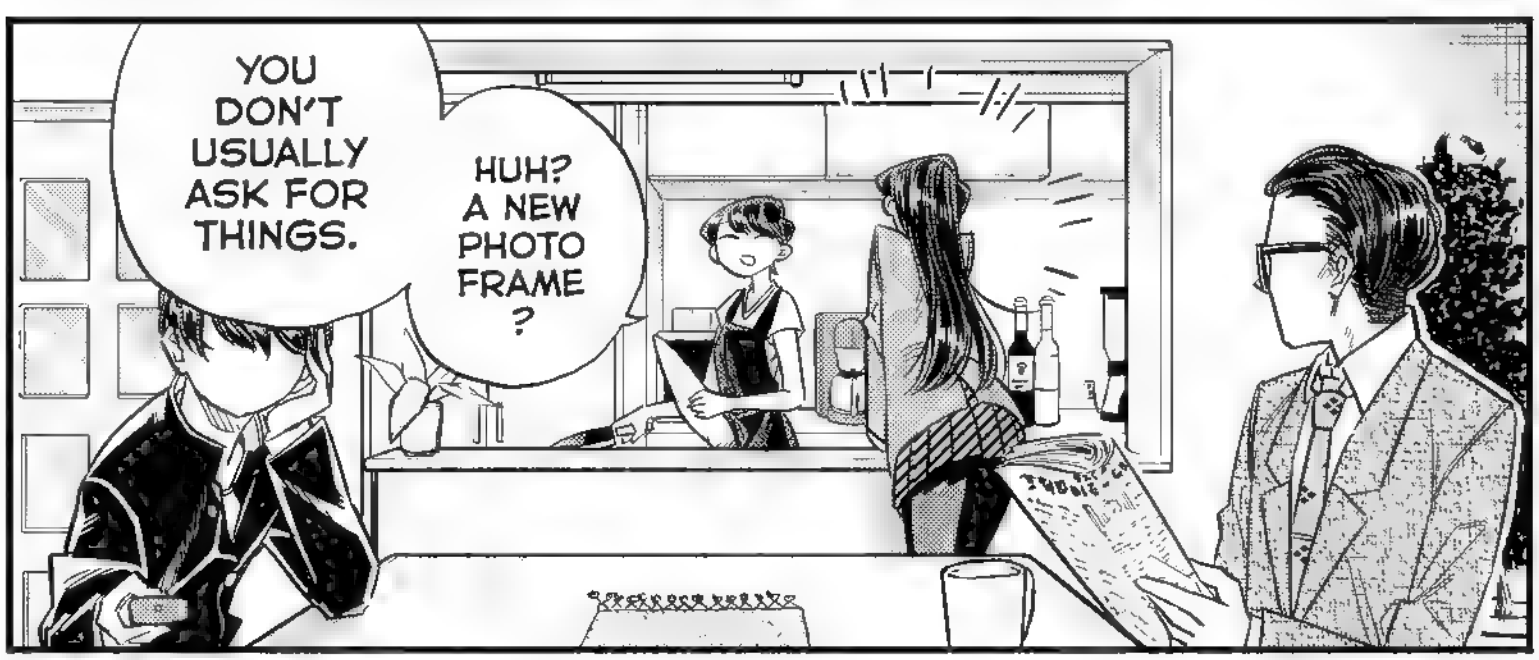

19:02
BIP
BIP
Najimi Osana
Thanks for today!
Ta-da! I secretly snapped a pic!
I've got stealth skills! U didn't notice?
Don't share with Tadano! (He might do something improper with it.) (●^o^●)



Communication 22 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

MY NAME IS HITOHITO TADANO. I'M AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

Tadano is an ordinary high school student.

...THAT WHEN I JAYWALK (WHEN NO CARS ARE COMING!) I FEEL A THRILL AT THE MINOR INFRACTION.

WORRY WORRY

GLANCE GLANCE

I'M SO ORDI-NARY...

...IS THAT THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN SCHOOL ...

WHAT ISN'T NORMAL ABOUT ME...

...IS MY FRIEND.

Communication 23: Ren

MY NAME IS REN YAMAI. I'M AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

Yamai is an ordinary high school student.

...THAT I DON'T LIKE TO STUDY. I LIKE FASHION. I WORRY ABOUT LOTS OF THINGS, BUT I ALSO HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS, SO I'M HAPPY!

THAT'S NORMAL, RIGHT?

Good morning!

I'M SO ORDINARY ...

OH!

AND RIGHT NOW ...

Eeee!

...I'VE GOT A CRUSH.

She's so pretty!

Ooh! Komi!

TH-THMP

ON SHOKO KOMI.

KOMI CLIMBING STAIRS.

KOMI WALKING.

KOMI KNEELING.

Komi Komi Komi Komi

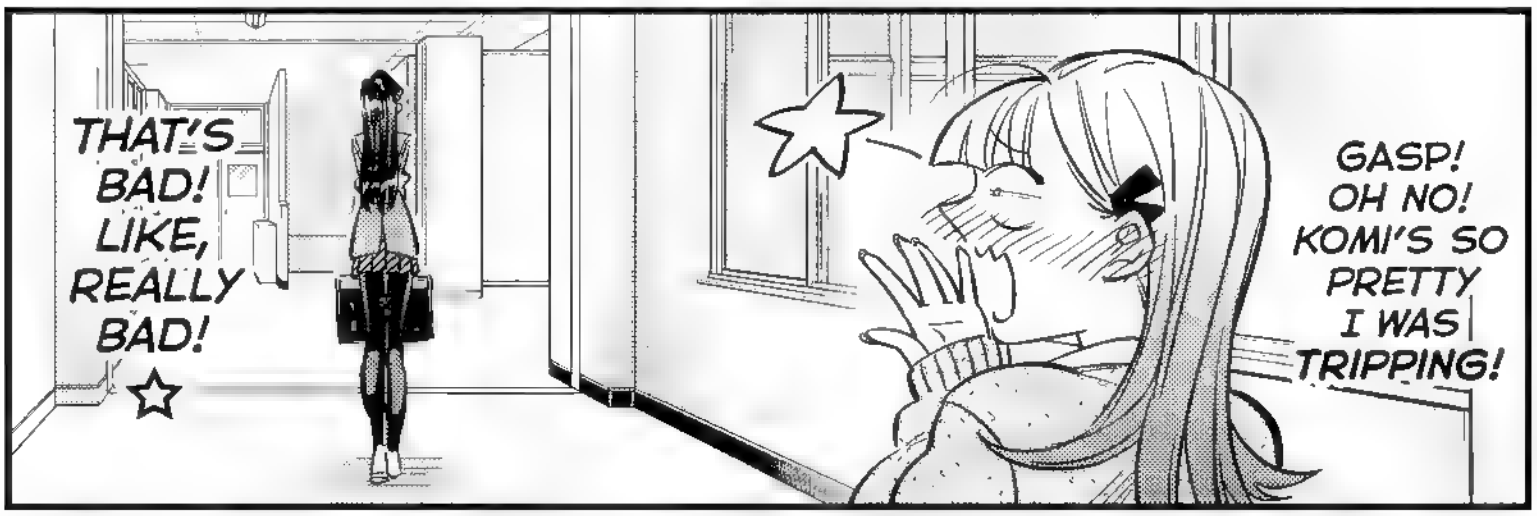
TRMBL TRMBL

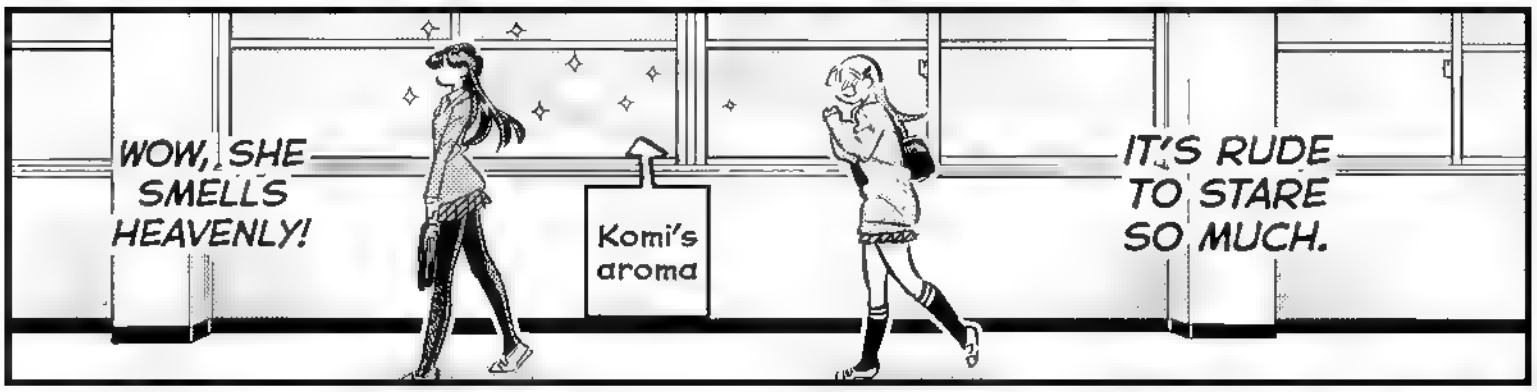
TRMBL

SHAKE SHAKE

SHAKE

OH WOW! OH WOW OH WOW! ♥


THAT'S BAD! LIKE, REALLY BAD!
GASP! OH NO! KOMI'S SO PRETTY I WAS TRIPPING!


WOW, SHE SMELLS HEAVENLY!
Komi's aroma
IT'S RUDE TO STARE SO MUCH.

THIS HUE, SILKINESS AND FRAGRANCE... IT MUST BE!!
IS THIS A STRAND OF HER HAIR?!
Komi's hair
OH!

MY FRIEND, THAT IS. I WILL MAKE HER MY FRIEND!
Komi's hair
TODAY, I WILL MAKE HER MINE!
YAAAAAY

I NEED TO CALM DOWN.

FOR NOW, I'LL JUST SAY HELLO.

THAT WILL GET ME ONE STEP CLOSER!

OKAY, HERE GOES ...

GOOD MORNING, KO–

KOOL

WAH! K-K-K-KOMI! G-GOOD MORNING!

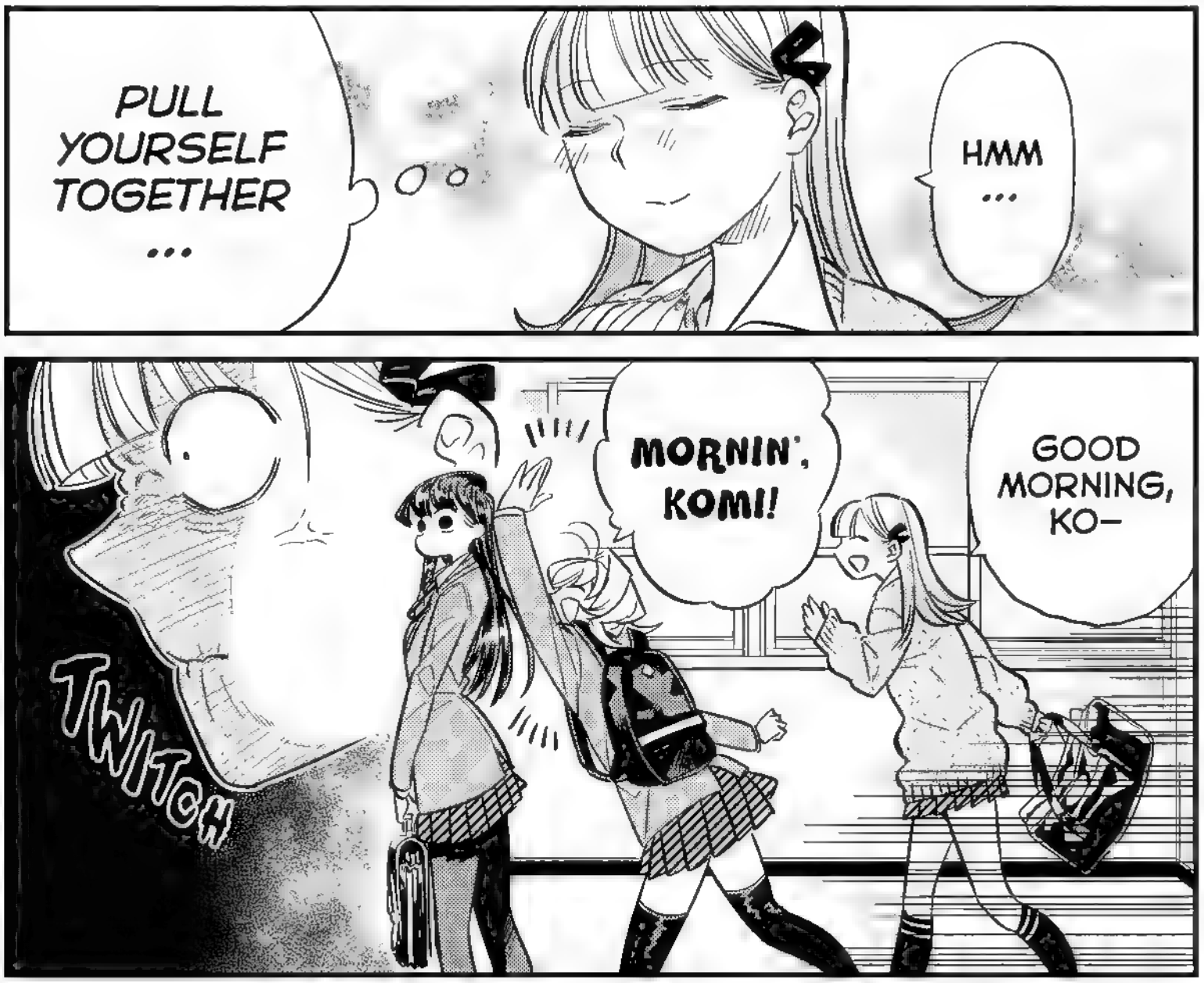
OOPS! S-S-SORRY!

JITTER JITTER

A D-DOG SHOULDN'T T-TALK! TEE HEE

HEE.

S-SORRY!
WHIMPER
G-GYAAH!
PONK PONK PONK
TUMP TUMP
PTOO!
WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?! SHE'S A TOTAL WRECK, BUT SHE SPOKE TO HER HOLINESS! PEH!
TCH!


PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER...
HMM...
TWITCH
MORNIN', KOMI!
GOOD MORNING, KO—

PERK

HM?

YAMAI? GOOD MORN-ING!

BLAH BLAH

And then...

MMM

RRMMM

OVER-LY?

YOU'RE *OVERLY ENER-GETIC* AGAIN TODAY!

OH...

... GOOD MORN-ING, NAJIMI!

YES! I DID IT! THERE WAS INTER-FERENCE, BUT I SAID GOOD MORNING!

OH! AND KOMI! GOOD MORN-ING!

?!

...

KREEEA

...

TREMMMBLE

UM...

YAMAI? THIS IS...

OH NO!

UM ...

KOMI'S SO AMAZING !!

HUH?

HM?

BABWUMP♡

I'M SO HAPPY SHE IGNORED ME!!

YA-MAI ?

Y...

I'M SO RELIEVED. I MEAN, IF A NOBODY LIKE ME GOT ALL FRESH WITH HER HIGHNESS AND SHE SPOKE BACK, SHE'D BE SELLING HERSELF CHEAP!!

TREMMMBLE

???

UM, NAJIMI? COME HERE.

Communication 23 — The End

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W-WE'RE FRIENDS, BUT...

F*** YOU!

WHAT?!

NAJIMI, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK...

...WHAT'S WITH YOU AND KOMI?

UM, YAMAI? YOU'RE ACTING STRANGE...

JUST ANSWER THE QUES-TION!

YOU CAN'T MISTAKE THAT WORD FOR A SNEEZE!!

Silly me!♥

OOPS. THAT WAS A SNEEZE.

Communication 24: Ren, Part 2

NAJIMI, WE'RE *FRIENDS*, RIGHT?

Y...

YEAH.

SO YOU'LL INTRO-DUCE ME TO KOMI, RIGHT?

GRIP

GRRRNCH

IF I REFUSE, SHE'LL KILL ME!

OKAY, FINE. THIS IS REN YAMAI.

REMEM-BER ME FROM BEFORE?

When we played games?

NICE TO MEET YOU!

?!

TREMMMMBLE

RATTLE

SHE'S SO CUTE! LIKE A CHIHUA-HUA!!

...

OH, WOW! THOSE BIG, ROUND EYES! THAT SILKY HAIR! THE SLIGHT TREMBLE IN HER EVERY MOVE!

BUT I CAN'T! HER HIGHNESS IS HOLY!!

GLEAM

I WANNA TOUCH HER, PET HER, LICK HER, DATE HER!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, YAMAI (N)?

HUFF

HUFF

CONTROL YOURSELF! RIGHT NOW...

ACT NORMAL. JUST DO THAT, AND YOU'LL BE FINE.

CHAK

HEY! DO YOU LIKE HAMBURGER STEAK? I MADE TOO MUCH FOR MY LUNCH!

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?

I'M HINTING THAT I WANT TO EAT TO-GETHER !!

AND, OF COURSE, I USED MY BARE HANDS TO SHAPE THE HAM-BURGER PATTY!!

Still trembles when meeting Komi's eyes
TREMMMBLE
GLANCE
?
Tada-no's desk

I HAVE TO GIVE THIS MY BEST!
Faint Tadano

ZOD

?!

DA DUM

SHA AAA AH!

...I'M JUST HAPPY.

ACTU-ALLY, IT WASN'T, BUT...

UH, SORRY. THAT WAS NOTH-ING.

TEE HEE!

SO VERY HAPPY!

BONG

SEE YA LATER, KOMI!

BING

BONG

BING

ANYWAY, HOME-ROOM IS START-ING!

TREMMBLE

HM? IS TADANO ABSENT TODAY ?

!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

...

...

...

TADA-NOOO! HELLLP !!

THEN WHO'S GONNA TELL ME WHAT KOMI'S THINKING ?!

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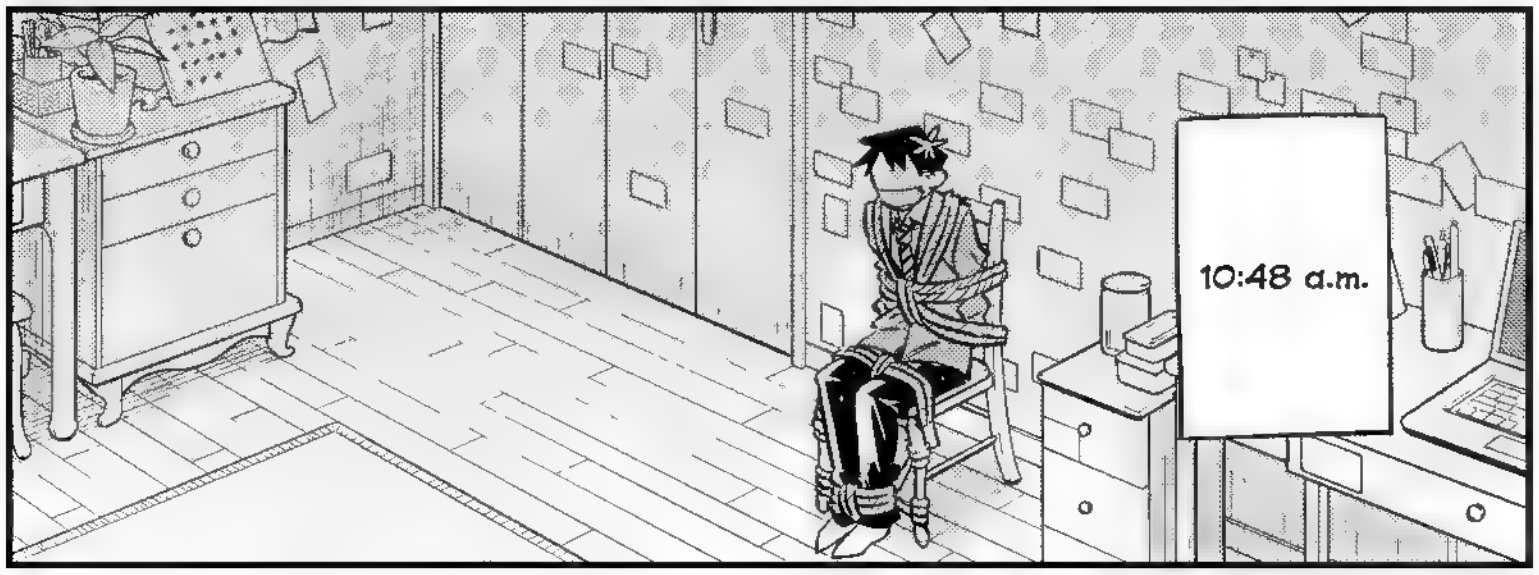
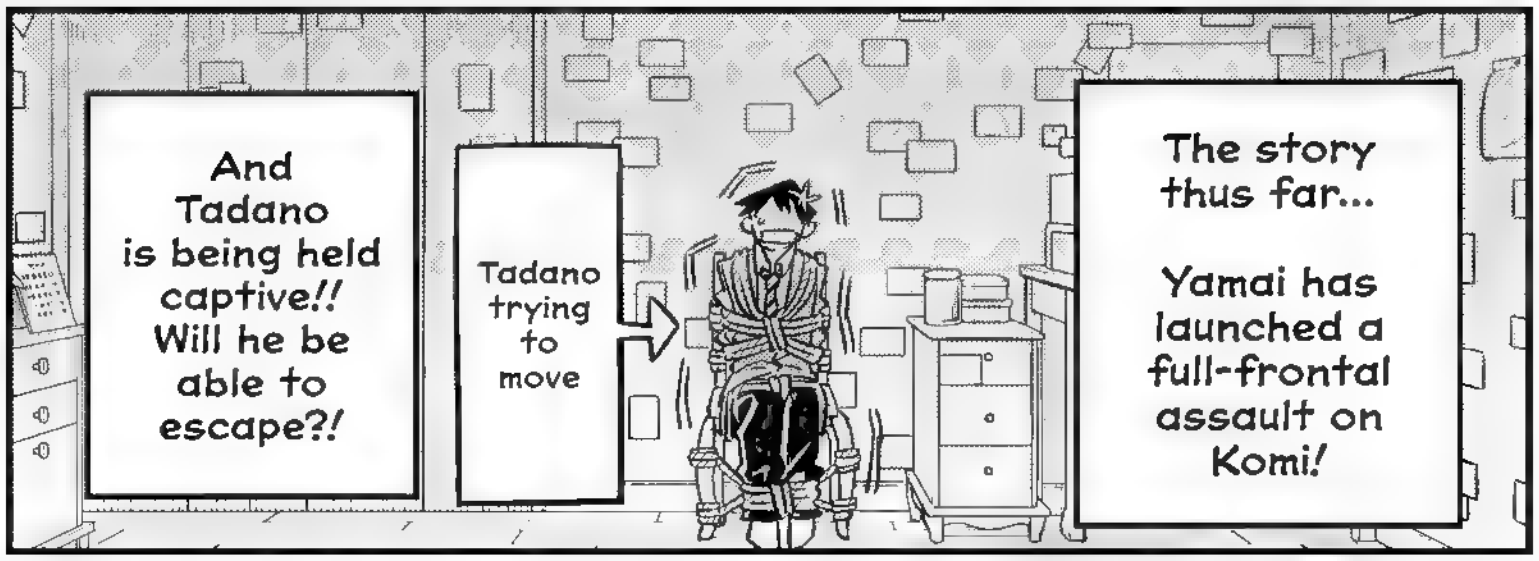
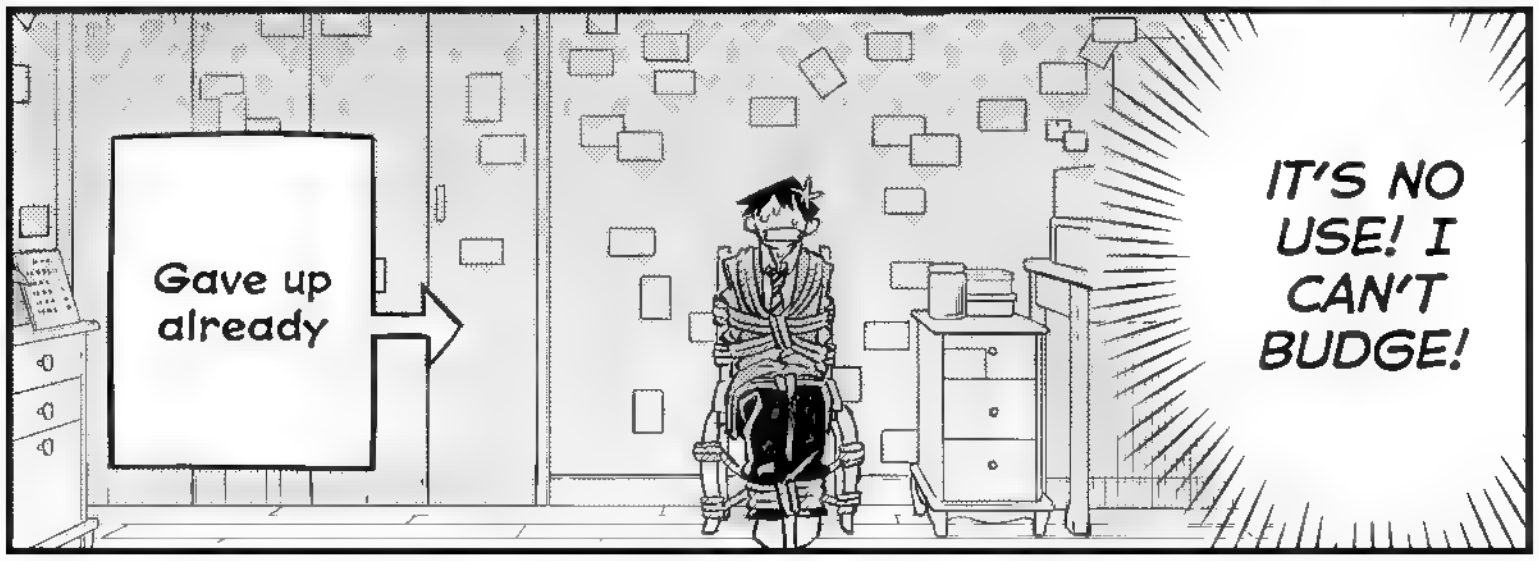
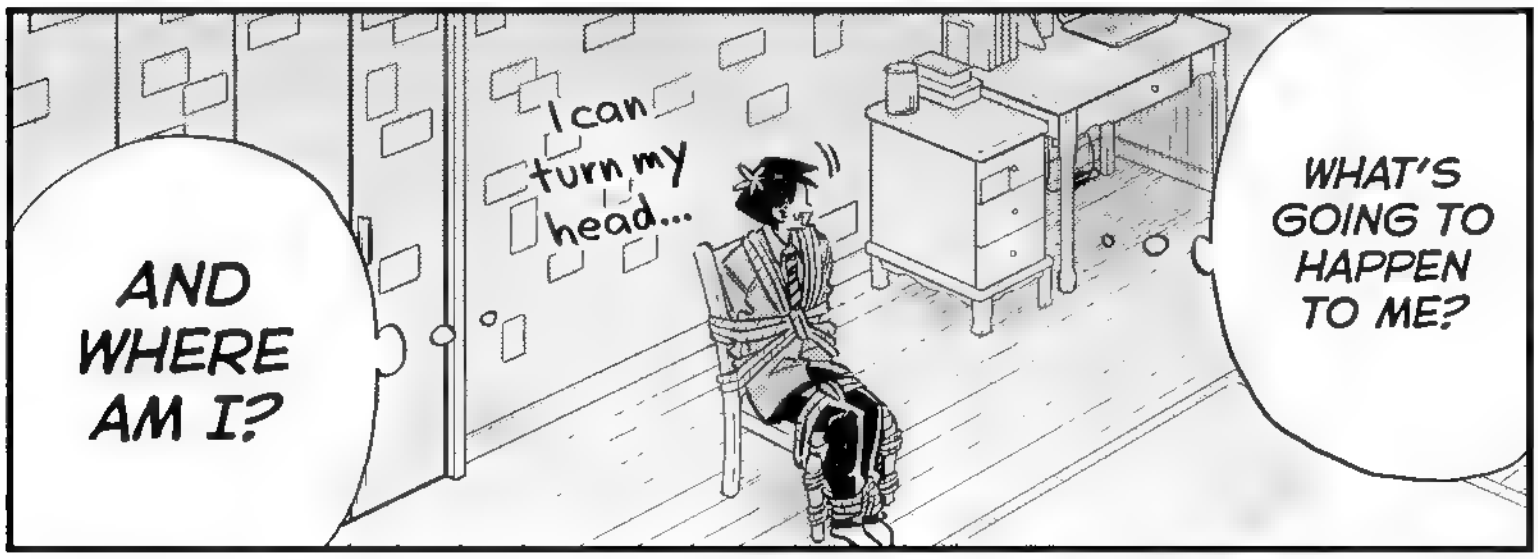


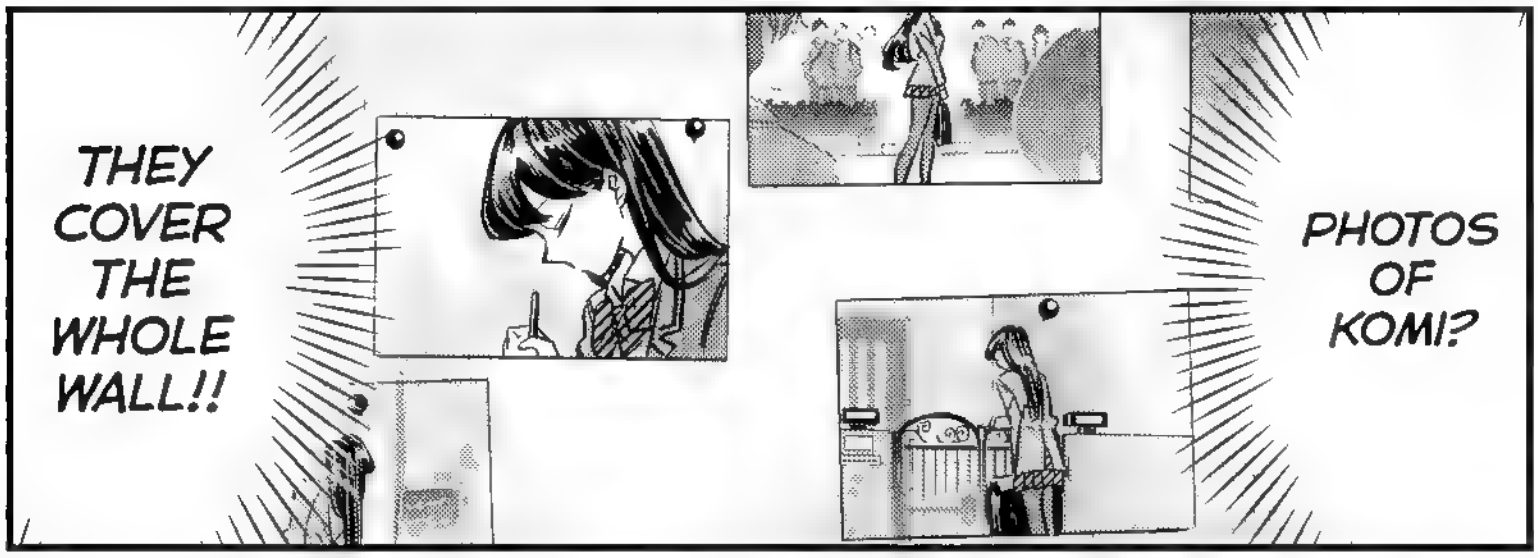

And Tadano is being held captive!! Will he be able to escape?!
Tadano trying to move
The story thus far...
Yamai has launched a full-frontal assault on Komi!

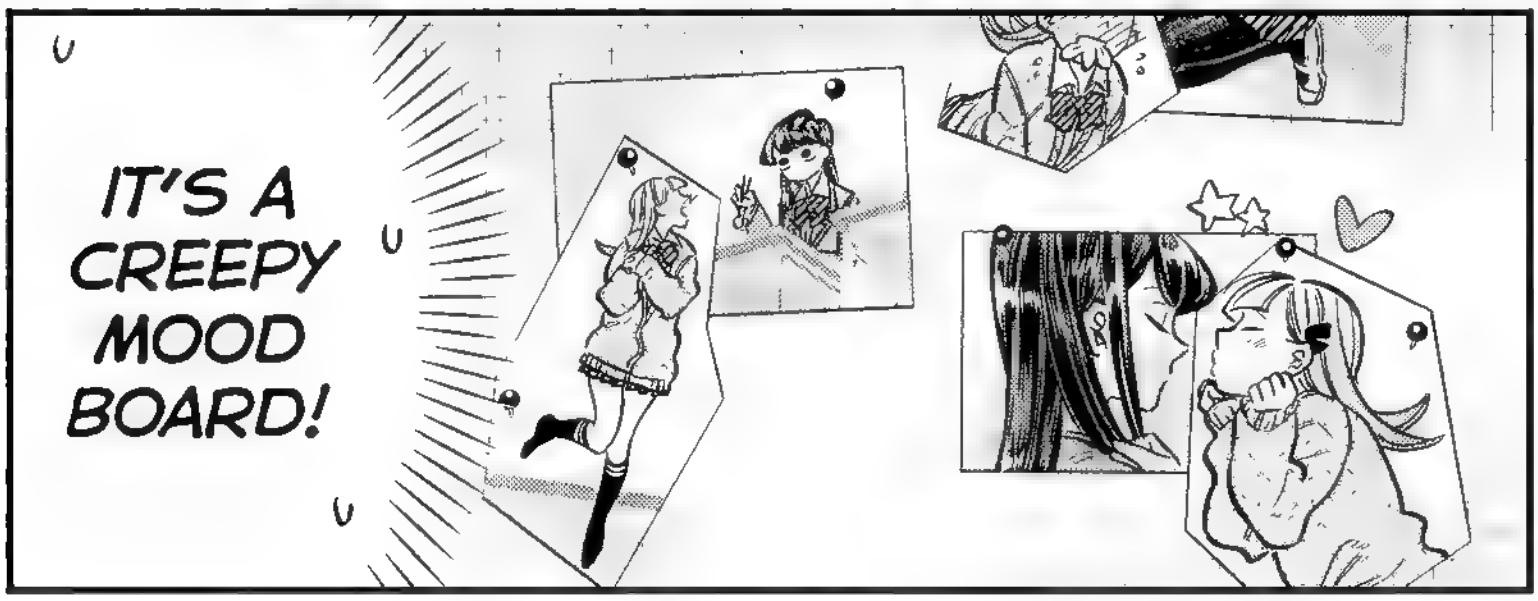


Communication 25: Ren, Part 3

Panicking and being impressed by weird things
THAT'S IMPRES-SIVE!
THIS ROPE IS TIED REALLY TIGHT !!
WHOA! THIS IS MESSED UP!


AND WHERE AM I?
I can turn my head...
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?


THEY COVER THE WHOLE WALL!!
PHOTOS OF KOMI?


IT'S A CREEPY MOOD BOARD!

THERE ARE EVEN PHOTOS ON THE CEILING!

I THINK THIS IS YAMAI'S ROOM!

TIK

TOK

...

TOK

TIK

TOK

...

TIK

S-SOME-ONE HELLLP!!

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME?!

BONG
BING
BONG
BING
School:
1:46 p.m.
...can I hang at your place?!
Yamai! After School today...
W-WHY?
HUH? IT'S REALLY SHORT NOTICE ...
BACK TO YOUR SEATS FOR FIFTH PERIOD!
!
YOU WON'T LEAVE TADANO'S DESK, SO I FIGURED YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT.

SPENDING LUNCH WITH HER WAS SO MUCH FUN!

THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE KOMI'S SIDE!

IT WAS THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE!

Say "Ahhh!"

*Komi didn't say a word.

WE TALKED ALL ABOUT OUR-SELVES!

?!

I AIN'T MOVIN' AN INCH!!

IS IT SO WRONG THAT I DON'T WANT TO LET GO OF THIS MOMENT ?!

?!

HUH?!

UM, CAN KOMI COME TOO?

TH-THAT'D BE DREAMY !!

HER SMELL WILL LINGER ON MY BED AND PILLOWS ...

K-KOMI IN MY ROOM ?!

?!

EEEEEE-!!

Y-YES! OF COURSE!

...BUT ...!

...TO COME OVER ...

I WANT KOMI ...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

WHAT'S WRONG, YAMAI?

I FORGOT! YOU-KNOW-WHO IS THERE!

Komi won.

YOTCHA!

BET

YES! OF COURSE !

I'M HUNGRY ...

IT'S EVENING ...

KACHAK!

Yamai's house: 4:36 p.m.

OKAY! SORRY!

SORRY! WAIT WHILE I TIDY THINGS UP!!

S-SOME-ONE'S COMING!

CLOMP CLOMP CLOMP

Y-
YIIIKES
!!

GWOOO
GWOOO
GWOOO

I'M GONNA DIE!

SHAKE
JERK
SHAKE
JERK

I...

?!

PWIK
PWIK
PWIK

SWIP

!

?!

PWIK
PWIK

TADANO, WHICH DO YOU LIKE BETTER? THE BEACH OR THE MOUN-TAINS?

MFFNS? (MOUN-TAINS)

M...

IN THE MOUN-TAINS?!

SMILE

I'LL BURY YOU THERE LATER!

ALL RIGHT!

NO, NOT YET! ☆

NOK NOK

YAMAI! CAN WE COME IN NOW?

SHE'S DEFI-NITELY GONNA BURY ME!

GOT IT?

CREAK

...I WON'T BURY YOU... MAYBE.

I HAVE AN IM-PORTANT VISITOR. IF YOU BEHAVE YOUR-SELF...

Tadano in the closet

WELCOME! COME IN! HAVE A SEAT! SPREAD YOUR SMELL AROUND!

HUH? SMELL ?

TH- THAT VOICE ...

NA- JIMI ?

IT'S NA- JIMI!

Almost crying

NA- JIMI! HELP ME!

T

BA M

FLINCH

GAH! THAT STAR- TLED ME!!

TEE HEE HEE! SORRY! MY NEIGH- BOR'S NOISY!

I'm just renting!

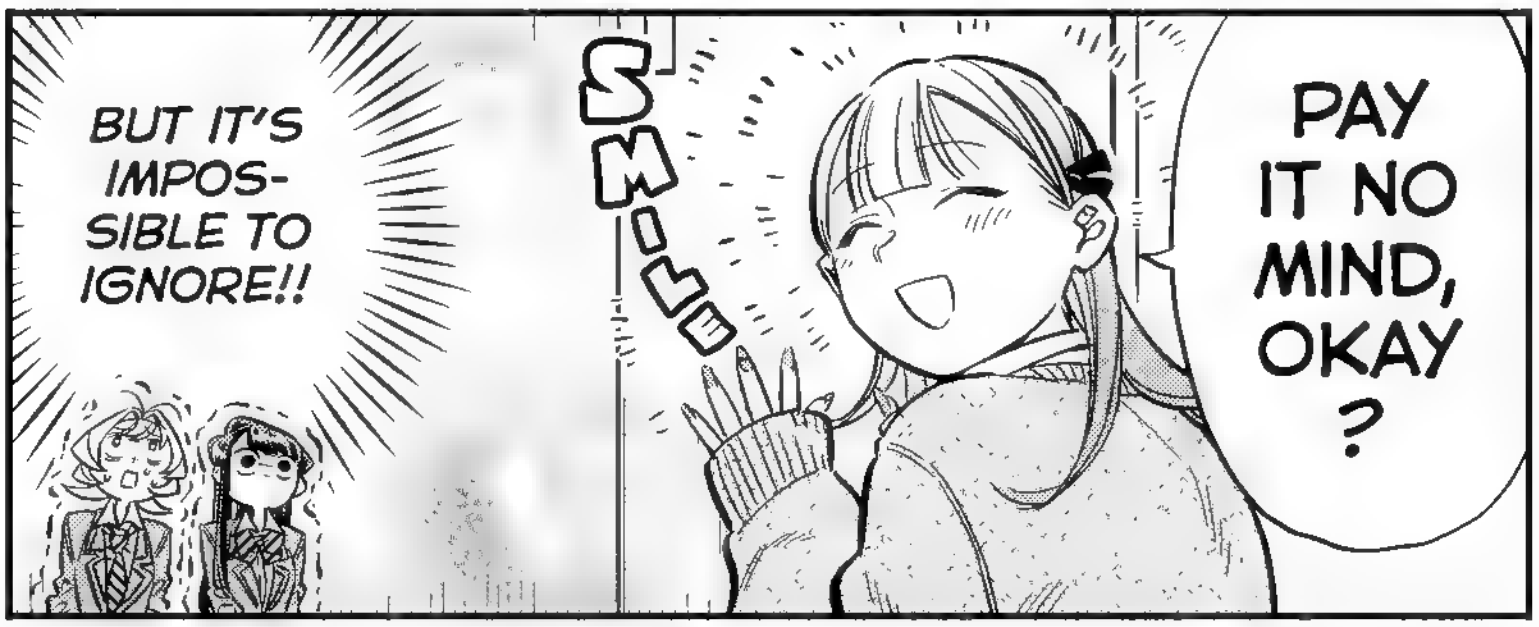
BA M

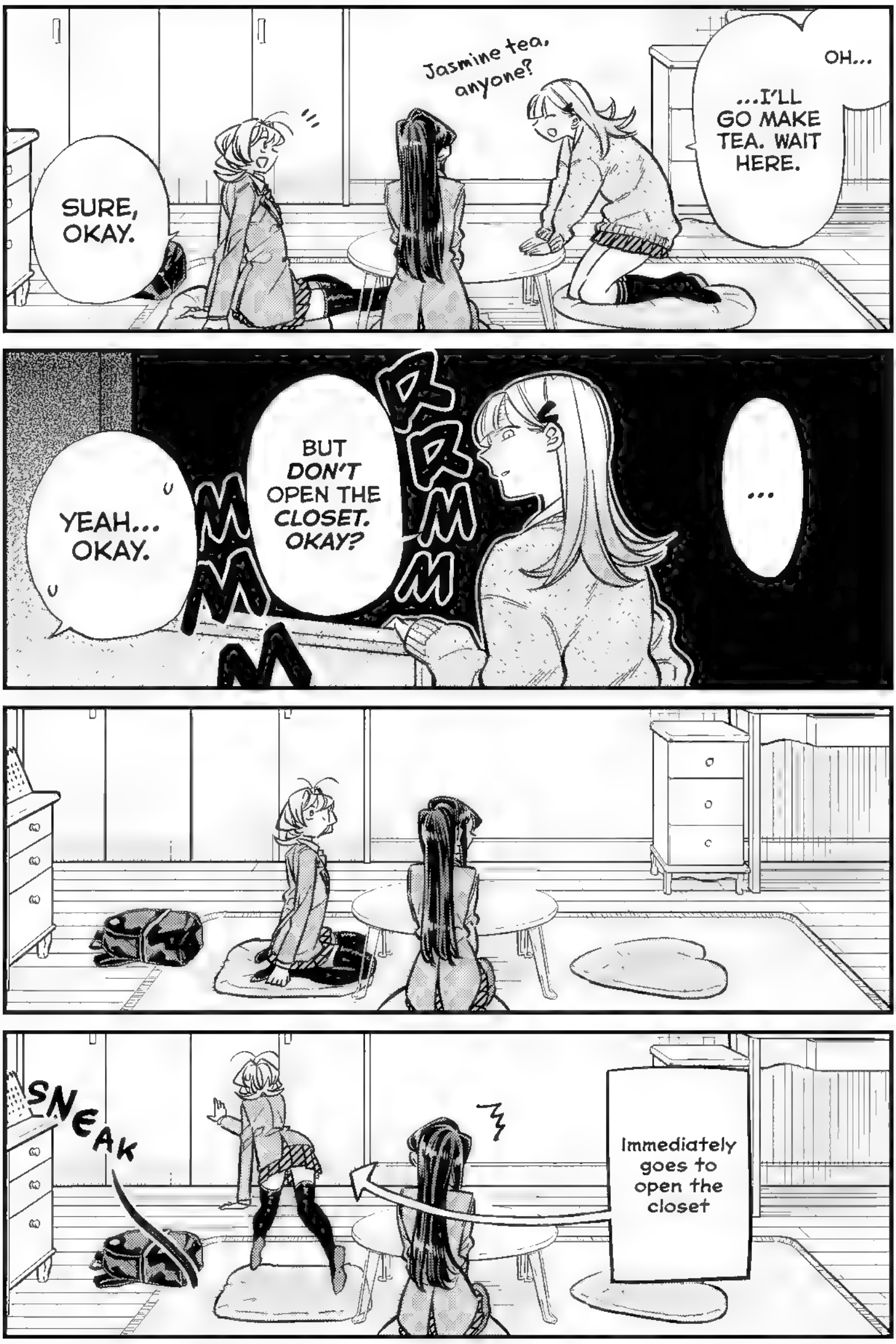
HITTING THE WALL BACK TO SUPPORT HER STORY

SH- SHE'S TOTALLY USED TO THIS!

BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
...
Y-YOUR NEIGH-BOR'S *REALLY* NOISY...
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

SILENCE
BAM
MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER
MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER
BAM


BUT IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE TO IGNORE!!
SMILE
PAY IT NO MIND, OKAY?


Jasmine tea, anyone?
SURE, OKAY.
OH...
...I'LL GO MAKE TEA. WAIT HERE.
BUT *DON'T* OPEN THE *CLOSET.* *OKAY?*
RRM
MM
YEAH... OKAY.
...
SNEAK
Immediately goes to open the closet

TH-
THMP
TH-
THMP

TH-
THMP
TH-
CREAK THMP

...

STAAARE——...

Some kind of game?

OH. SORRY. ARE WE INTER-RUPTING SOME-THING?

SHAKE
SHAKE

FL' NCH

?!

OH DEAR. YOU FOUND HIM.

A KNIFE!

SHE'S GOT A KNIFE!

N

T

I'M DOING THIS FOR *YOU!*

IT'S NOT THAT I WANTED TO GET CLOSE TO YOU BUT TADANO WAS IN THE WAY!

TEE HEE! DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, KOMI.

I KNOW ALL THAT, BUT IT STILL HURTS TO HEAR IT...

HE ISN'T HANDSOME OR SMART. HE'S AVERAGE HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND BUILD. HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING INTERESTING. IF ONE HAD TO DRAW A CARICATURE OF HIM, HIS ONLY DISTINCTIVE FEATURE WOULD BE THAT LIMP COWLICK. IT'S UTTERLY BIZARRE FOR A LOSER LIKE HIM TO HANG AROUND A DIVINITY LIKE YOU, KOMI.

YOU UNDER-STAND, DON'T YOU?

DON'T YOU THINK SO, KOMI?

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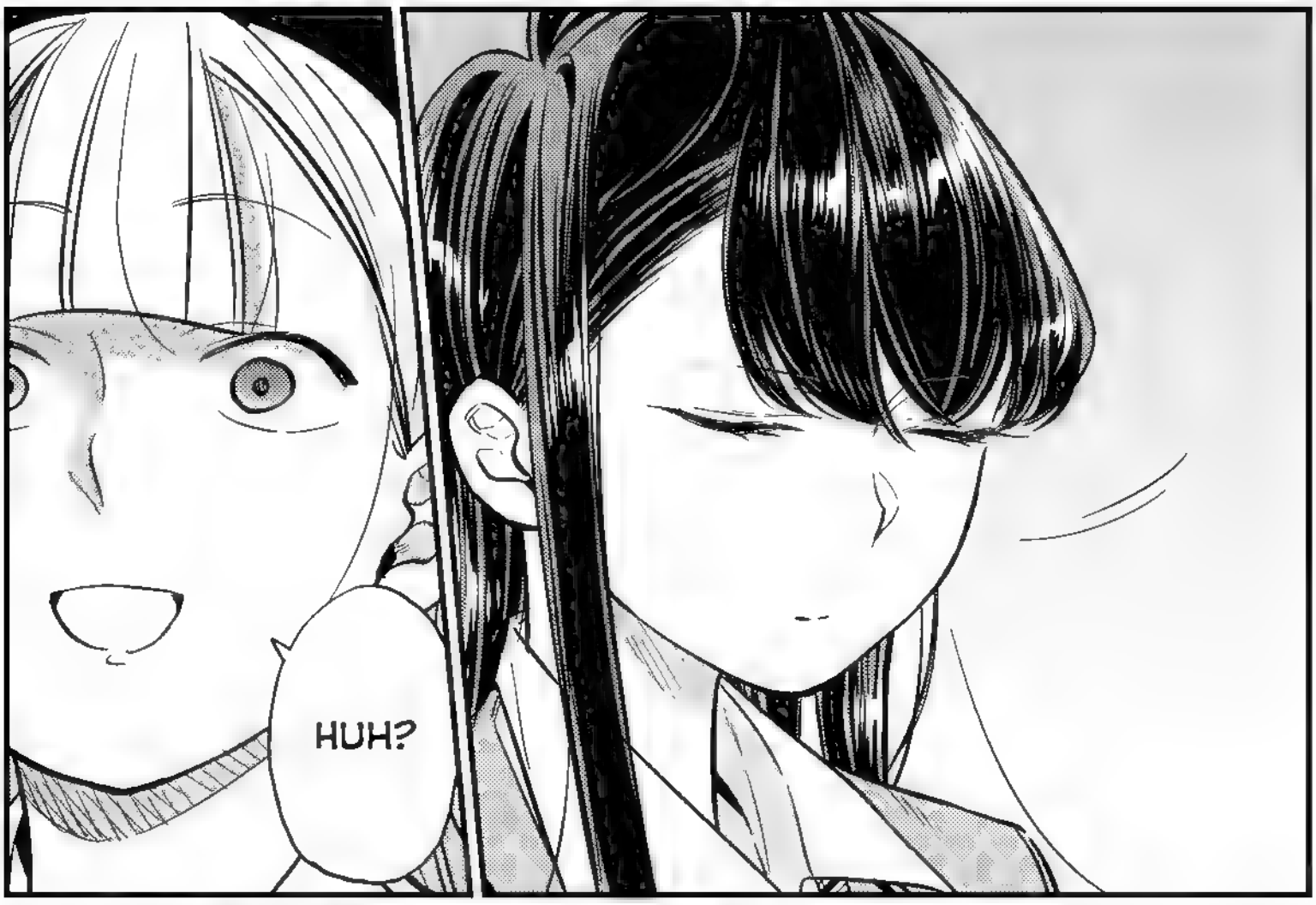
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE PRETTY AND STYLISH AND ELEGANT. YOU'RE INTRIGUING, AND YOU HAVE A GREAT PER-SONALITY. AND YET YOU DON'T INSPIRE JEALOUSY OR ENVY. YOU'RE JUST THE PERSON TO FULFILL MY SOUL!

SO I SHOULD BE YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?

YOU WANT TO BE MY FRIEND ...

SHE'S SCARY!

...RIIIGHT?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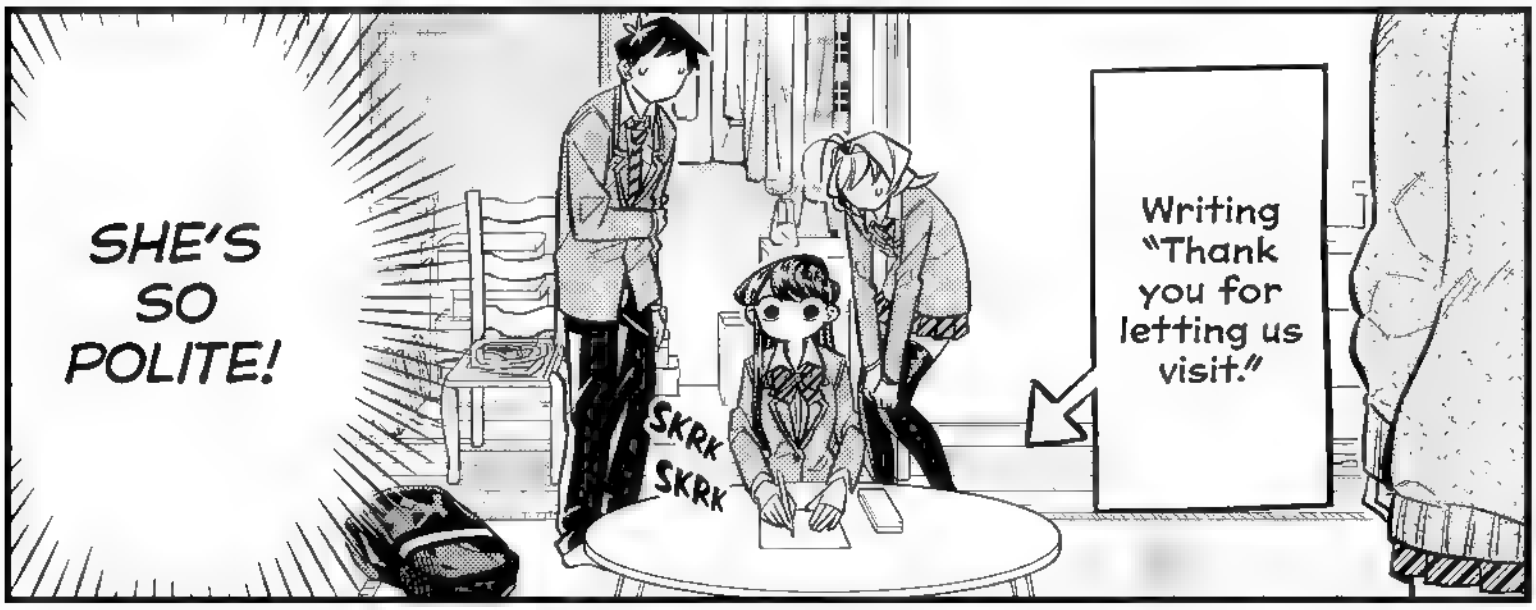
I'll help!


SHE'S SO POLITE!
SKRK
SKRK
Writing "Thank you for letting us visit."

...

WHSH

W-WAIT, KOMI!

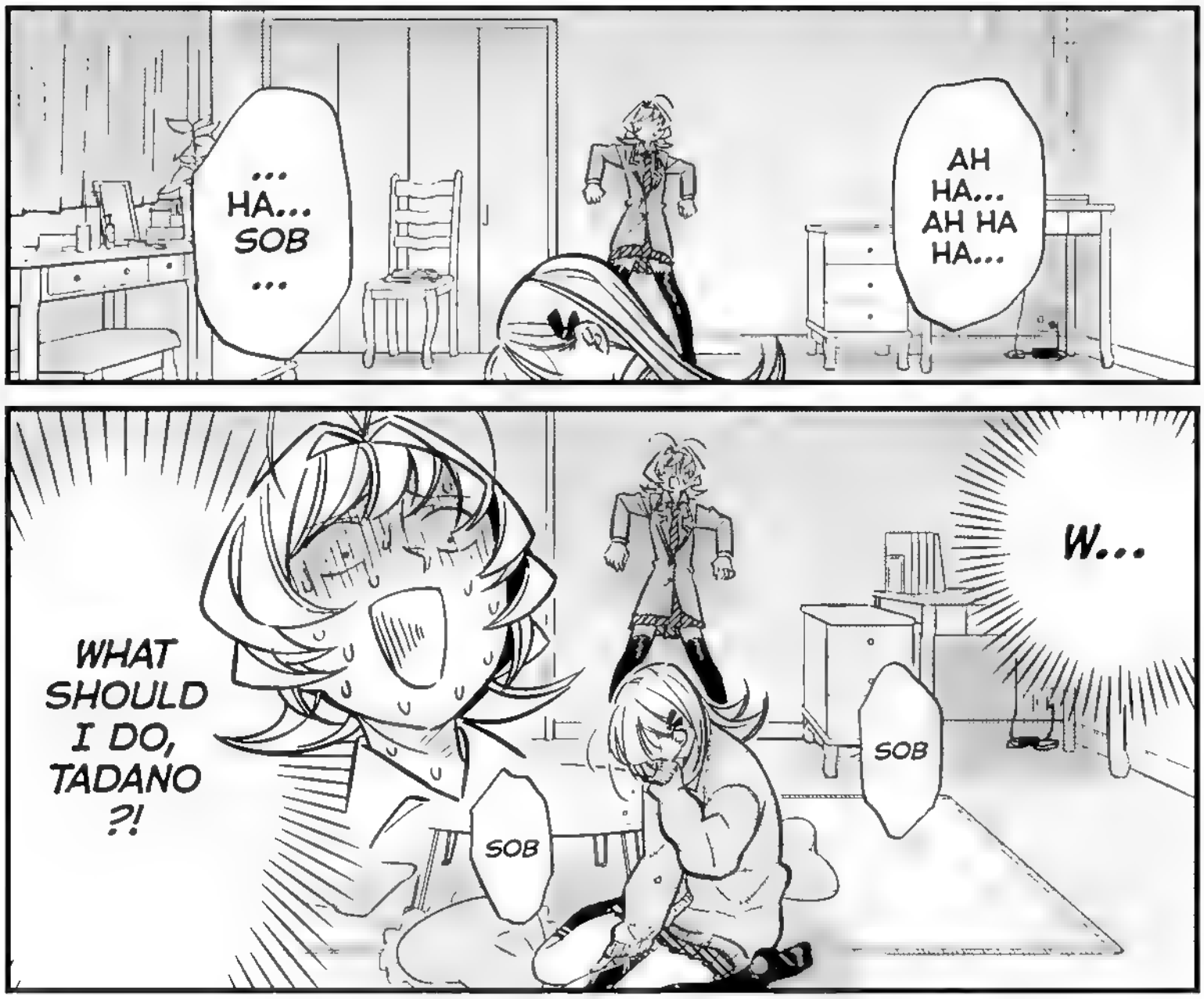
I DID THIS FOR YOU!

I...

Getting out her note-book

WANDER
Look-ing for a place to write
WANDER
Writing on the floor
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK

I decide
who's my
friend.



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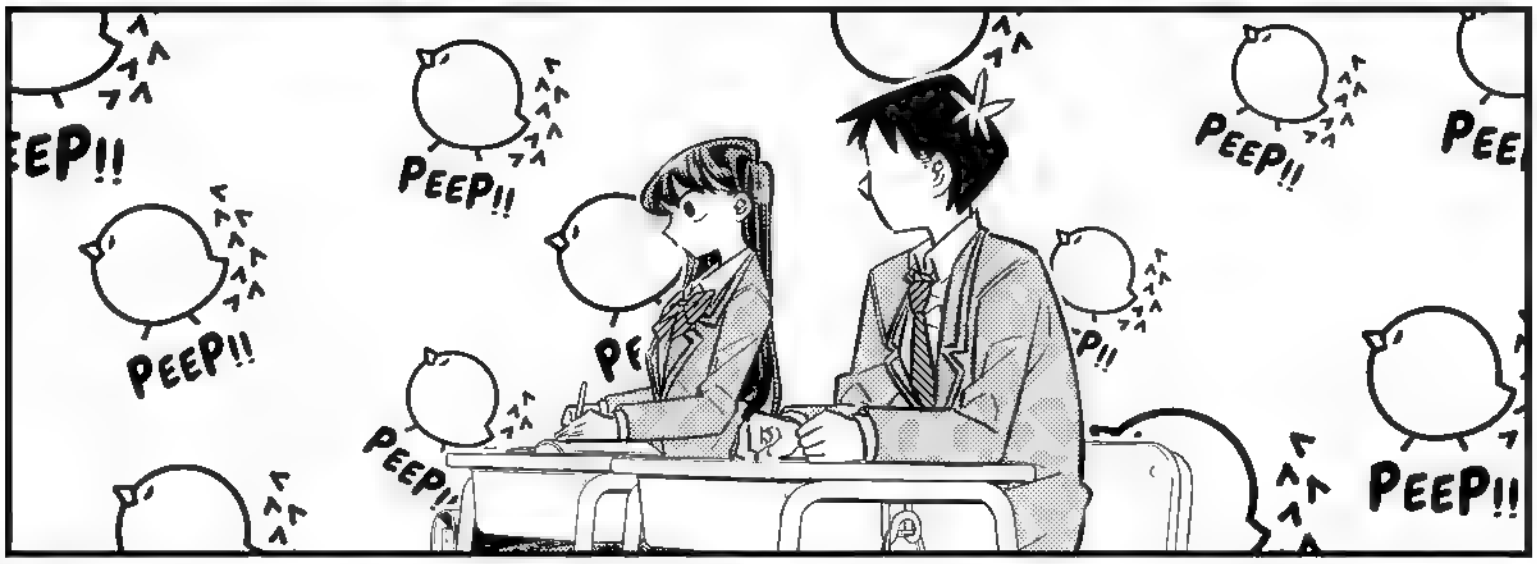
PEEP!!
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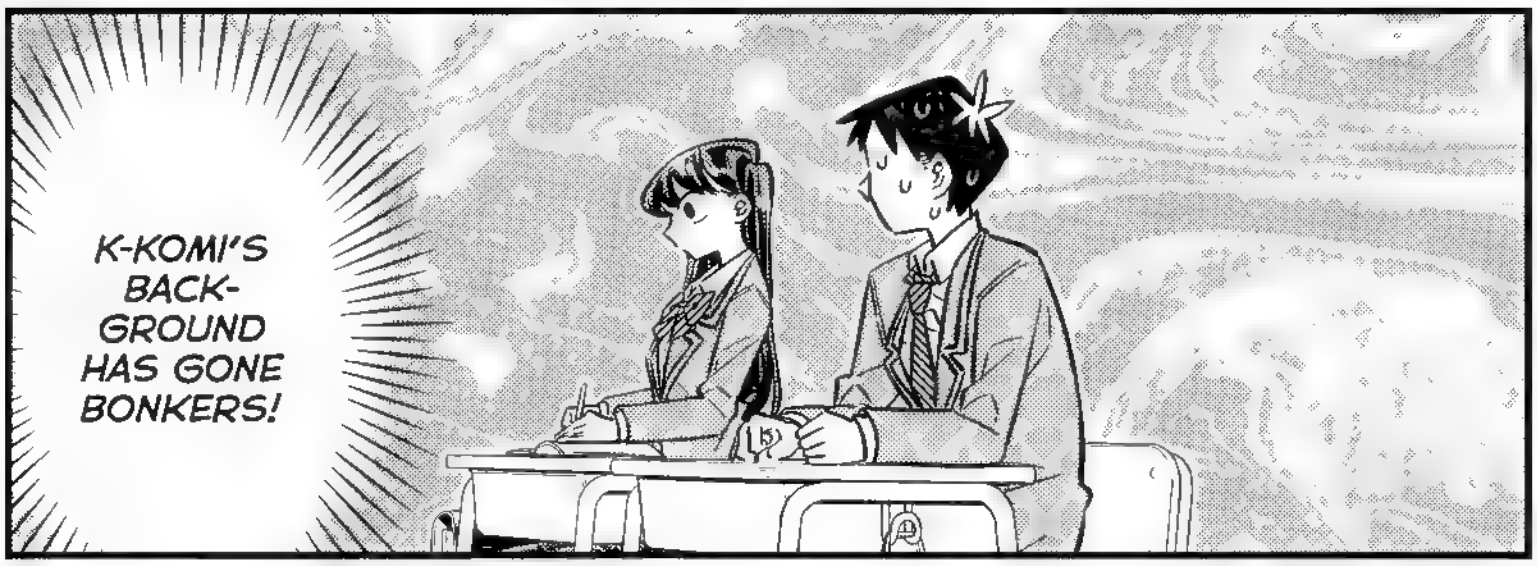
K-KOMI'S BACK-GROUND HAS GONE BONKERS!

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 26: Ren, Part 4

...WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

TH-
THMP
TH-
THMP

S...

SO...

5
4

SKRK

SKRK

SKRK

TH-
THMP
TH-
THMP

KREEAK

TH-
THMP
TH-
THMP
TH-
THMP

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I COULDN'T READ HER THOUGHTS !!

GOOG

Are you okay with being my friend?

HUH?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
UM, YES ...
... DESPITE THAT.
"You had a really hard time yesterday."

She said that...

Yamai said she did it for me.

WOW! KOMI REMEMBERED ALL THAT?!

And she added commentary!

FWUP

TEE HEE! DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, KOMI. IT'S NOT THAT I WANTED TO GET CLOSE TO YOU BUT TADANO WAS IN THE WAY!

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DISAGREE

~~YOU'RE GLORIOUS, SO IT'S PSYCHO FOR A BOTTOM-FEEDER LIKE TADANO TO HANG AROUND YOU!~~

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER

YOU AGREE, RIGHT? YOU'D PREFER MORE POPULAR FRIENDS, RIGHT? SO YOU DON'T NEED TADANO. BUT ME...

I'M SUPERCUTE, SO EVERYONE LIKES ME, AND I'VE WORKED HARD TO BE LIKED.

AND TO BE YOUR FRIEND, UNDERSTAND?

SO I SHOULD BE YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?

...YOU WANT TO BE MY FRIEND...

...RIIIGHT?

THIS MAKES ME HAPPY.

You were in danger because of me.

THAT WAS FAST!

FWP

No, it is true.

SKRK SKRK

HUH?

NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

What if that happens again?

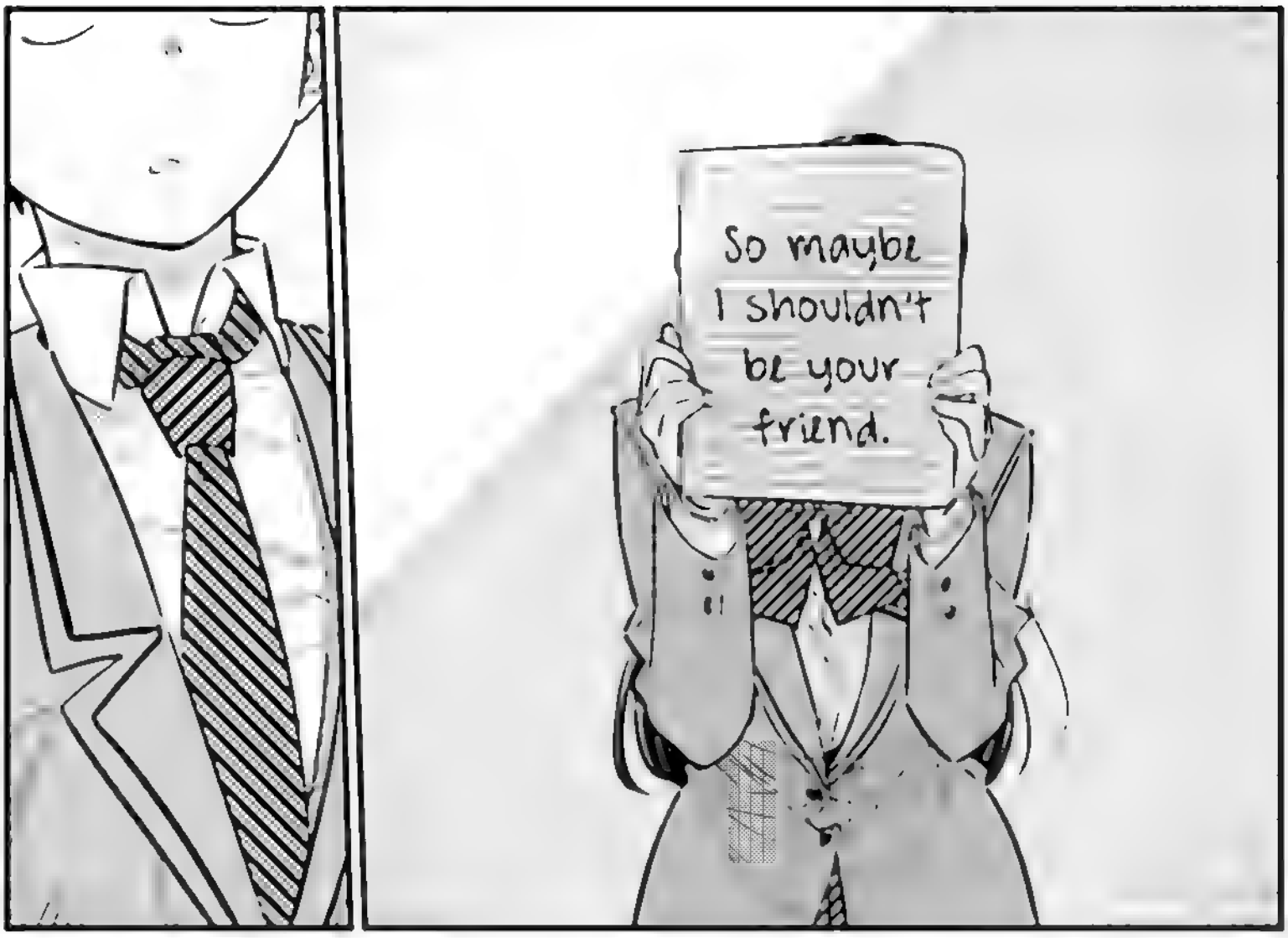
What if Yamai had done worse?

What if Osana hadn't found you?

"So maybe ..."

It's my fault.

It's my fault.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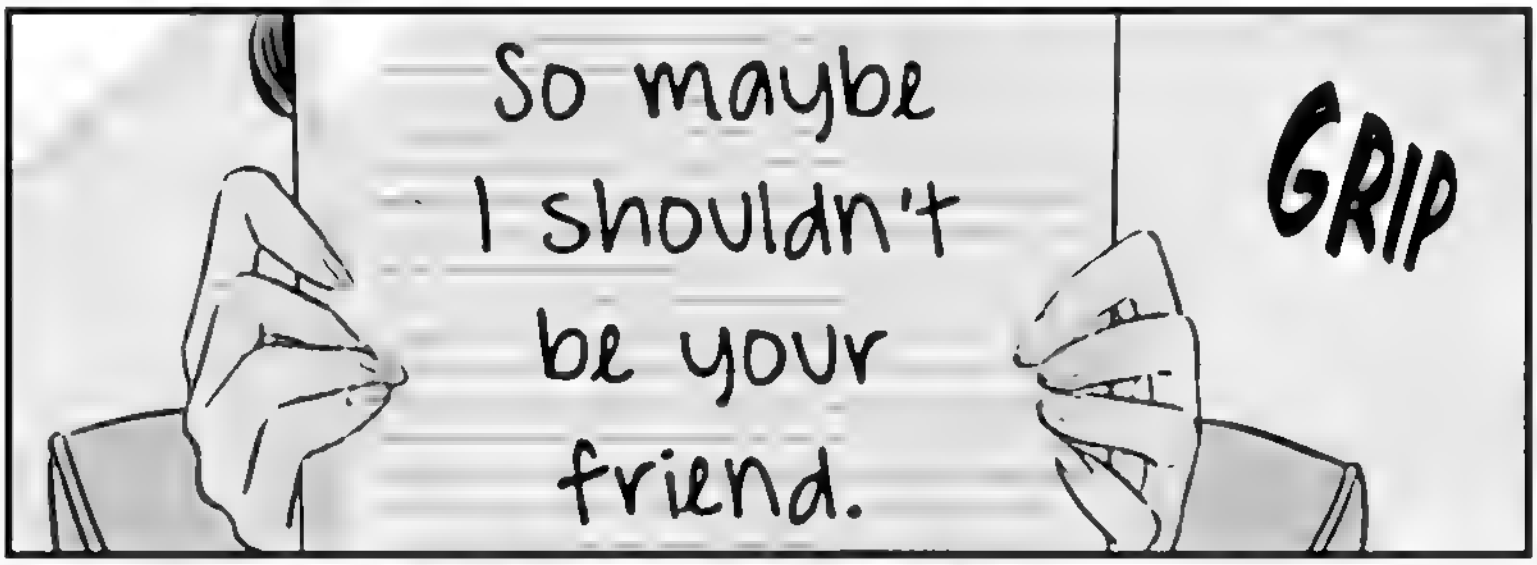

So maybe I shouldn't be your friend.
GRIP

BUT, KOMI...
It's my fault.
It's my fault.
I UNDER-STAND.
ALL RIGHT.
!

It's my fault.

...WHO'S MY FRIEND.

I DECIDE ...

?!

BLUSHHH

Add another page to Tadano's dark history ...

F- FORGET I SAID IT!

IT JUST POPPED OUT! SO DON'T LOOK SO WOUNDED!

STAGGER

N-NO! I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY!! I WAS JUST... YOU KNOW! REPEATING WHAT YOU SAID! LIKE A CATCH-PHRASE!

HUH?! W-WHAT FOR?!

I'm sorry.

I'm sorry.

B- BUT..

I...

I'm sorry.

...WANT TO B-BE...

...Y- ...YOUR FRIEND

I S- STILL...

AND...

UM...

SWEAT

SWEAT

OKAY...

UM, THANKS!

...

OH...

THERE YOU ARE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER!

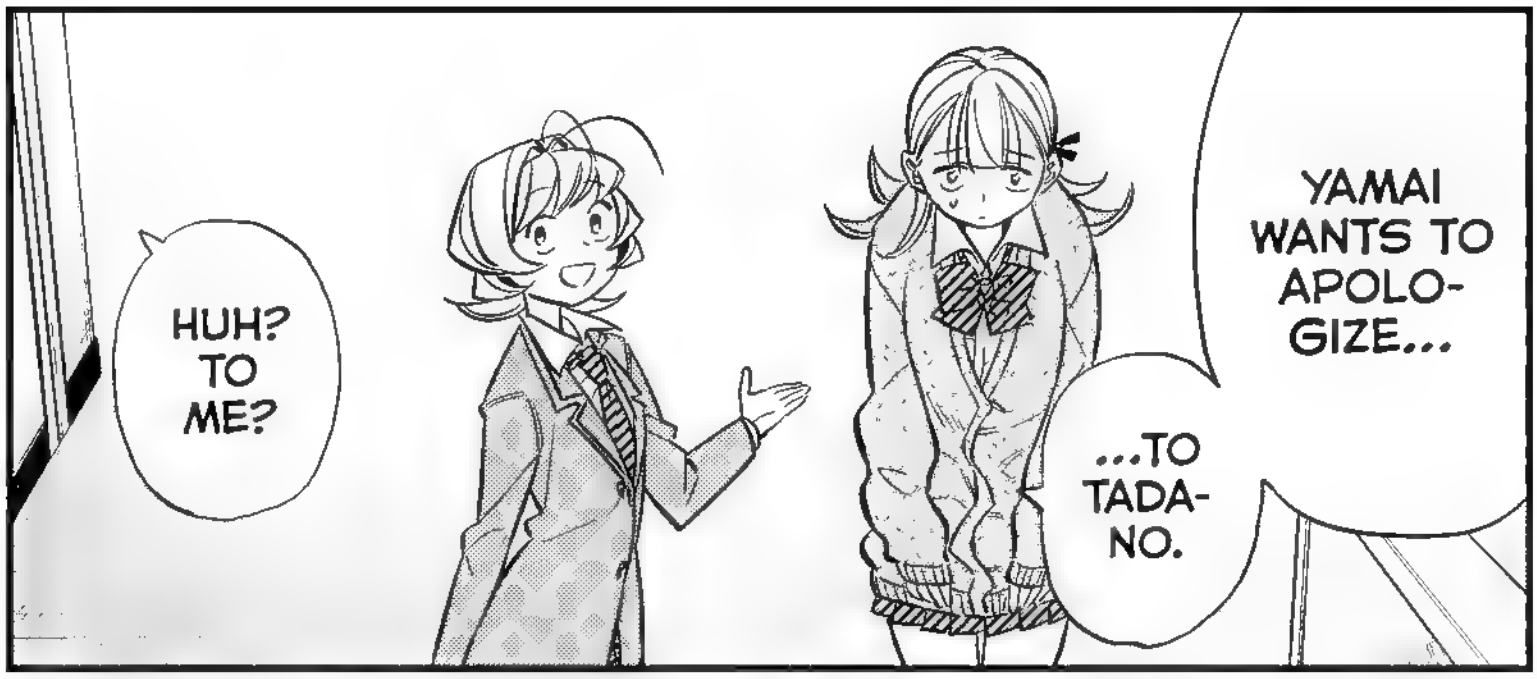
?!

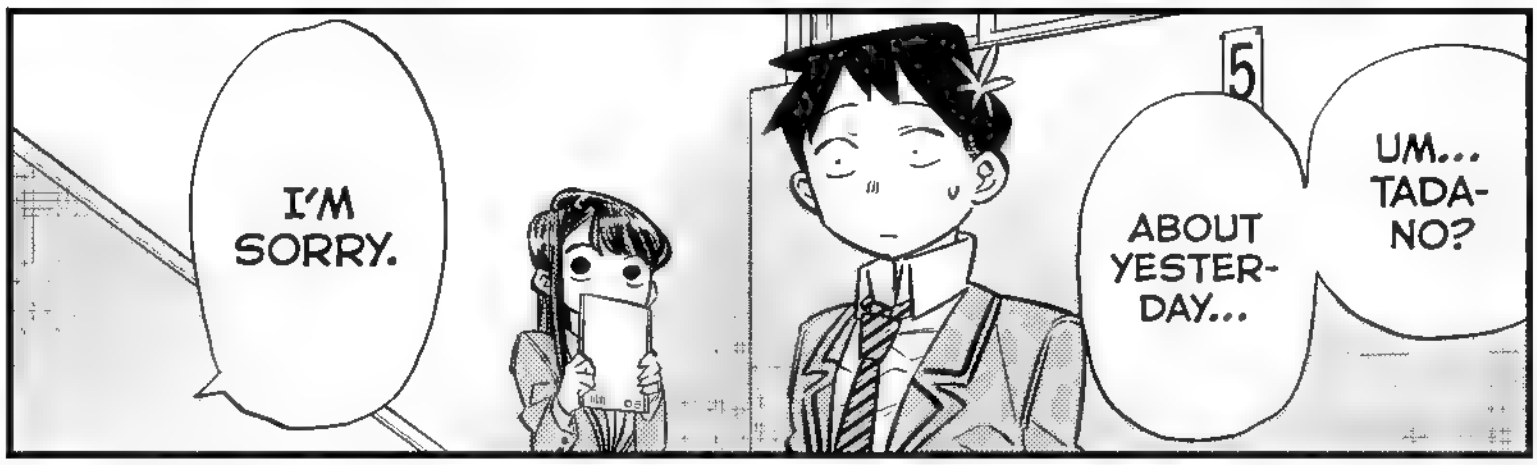
JOLT

AHA!

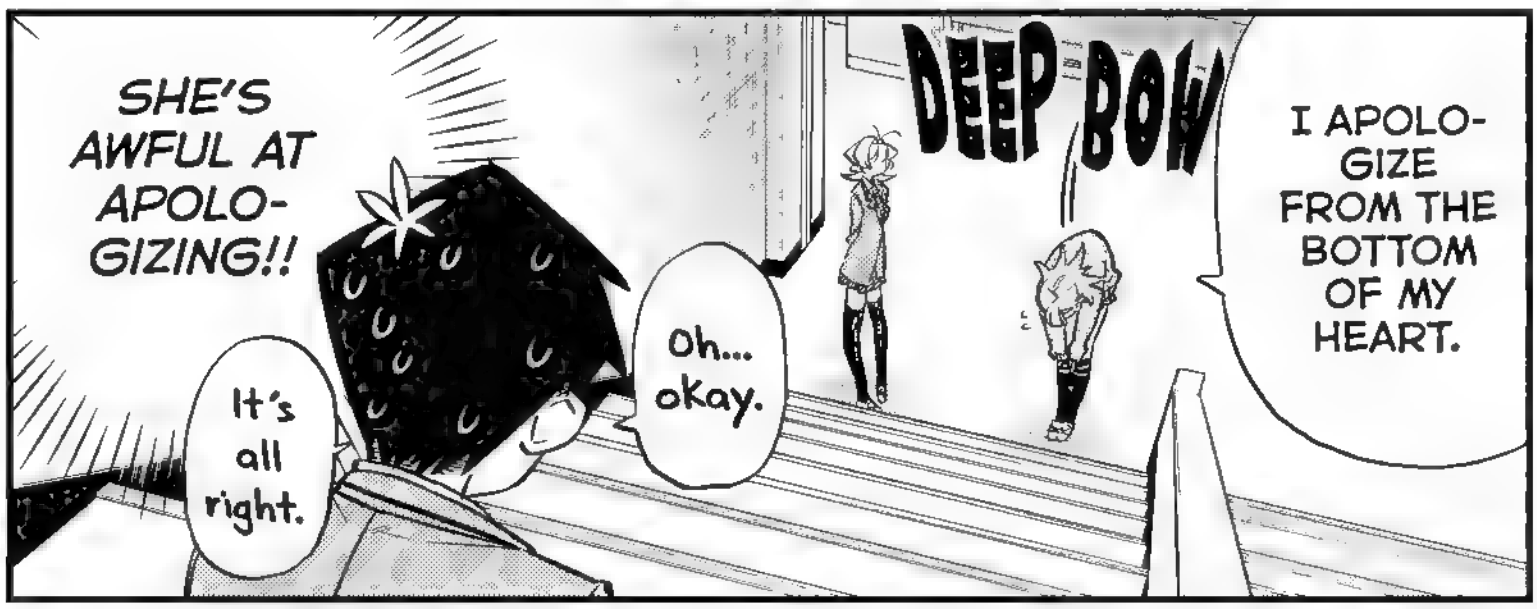
I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND TOO, SO-

I...


HUH? TO ME?
YAMAI WANTS TO APOLO-GIZE...
...TO TADA-NO.


I'M SORRY.
5
ABOUT YESTER-DAY...
UM... TADA-NO?

AND I SAID MEAN THINGS. I MEANT EVERY WORD OF IT, BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID IT OUT LOUD.
FIDGET
FIDGET
I SHOULDN'T HAVE KID-NAPPED YOU. I SHOULD'VE JUST THREATENED YOU TO KEEP YOU AWAY.


SHE'S AWFUL AT APOLO-GIZING!!
It's all right.
Oh... okay.
DEEP BOW
I APOLO-GIZE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

I SHOULDN'T DECIDE YOUR FRIENDS FOR YOU.

I WAS PRESUMPTUOUS.

I'M SORRY TO YOU TOO, KOMI.

SO I'M SORRY.

I'LL NEVER DO IT AGAIN.

MY SELFISHNESS CAUSED ALL OF THIS.

Okay.

WHAAA ?!

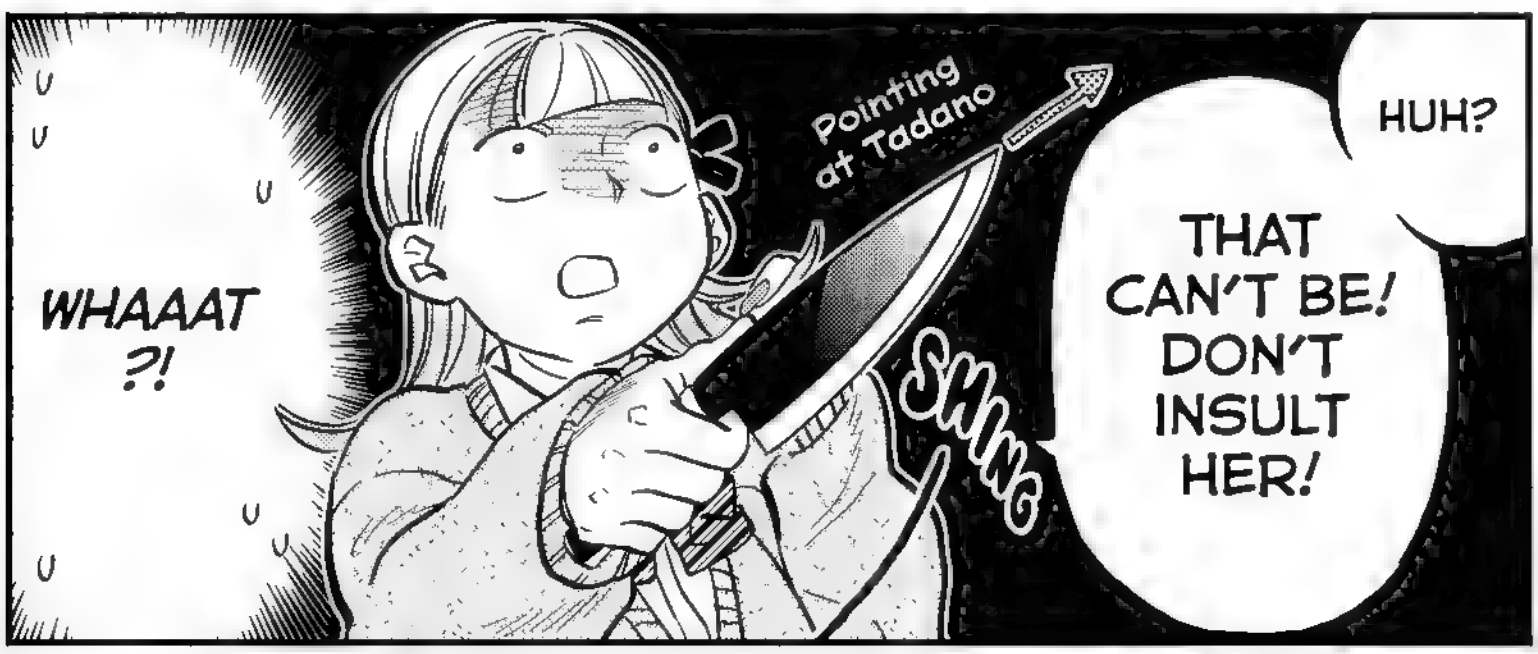
GO

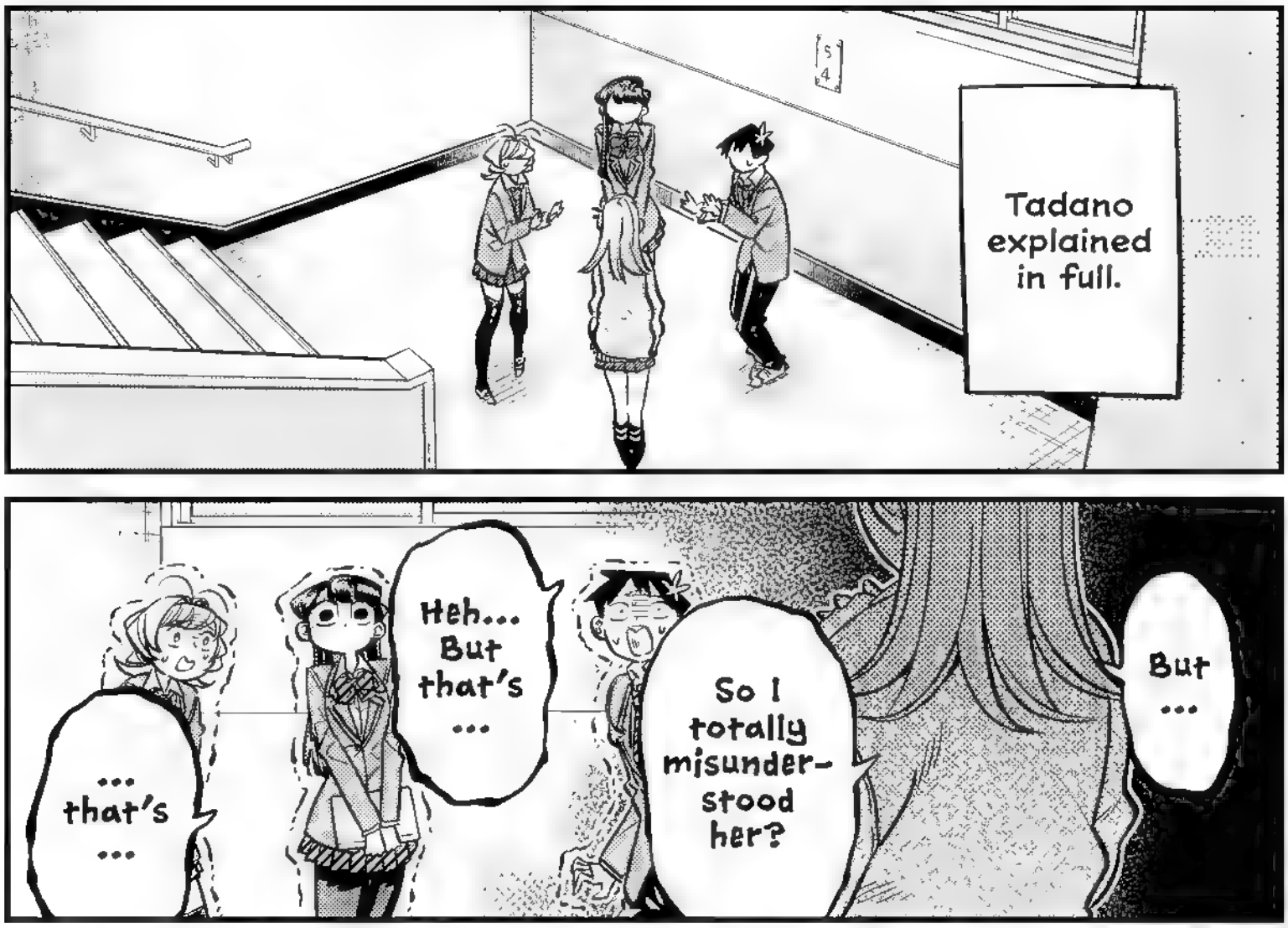
SHHH

I KNEW IT! YOU WON'T SPEAK TO ME!!

WHERE'D THAT KNIFE COME FROM?!
N T
I HAVE NO REASON TO KEEP LIVING!
NOD NOD
CAN I TELL HER, KOMI?!
K-KOMI!
WRESTLE
LET GO OF ME, NAJIMI!
C-CALM DOWN, YAMAI!!
STRUGGLE

SHE'S COMMUNICA-TIONALLY CHAL-LENGED!
!
NOD NOD
YAMAI! KOMI ISN'T GOOD AT SOCIAL-IZING!


WHAAAT?!
Pointing at Tadano
SWING
HUH?
THAT CAN'T BE! DON'T INSULT HER!


Tadano explained in full.
Heh... But that's ...
... that's ...
So I totally misunder-stood her?
But ...

?!
BABWUMP
THAT'S ANOTHER CUTE SIDE OF HER! KOMI! I LOVE YOU!!

YAMAI IS UNSTOP-PABLE.
TEE HEE!
THAT'S SO ADOR-ABLE! ♥
POINK
POINK
POINK
YOU WANNA MAKE A HUNDRED FRIENDS ?

GLANCE
...

SHE SAID "GLANCE" AS SHE GLANCED!

Yamai looking their way in hopes of becoming friends...

GLANCE

4

...

W-WHAT DO YOU SAY, KOMI?

...

OF COURSE SHE IS!

Komi is conflicted!

!

Okay, let's be friends.

I

I TOTALLY ACCEPT, KOMI!!

CLASP

YES!

SHE JUST OUTRIGHT SAID IT!

I WAS TRYING NOT TO...

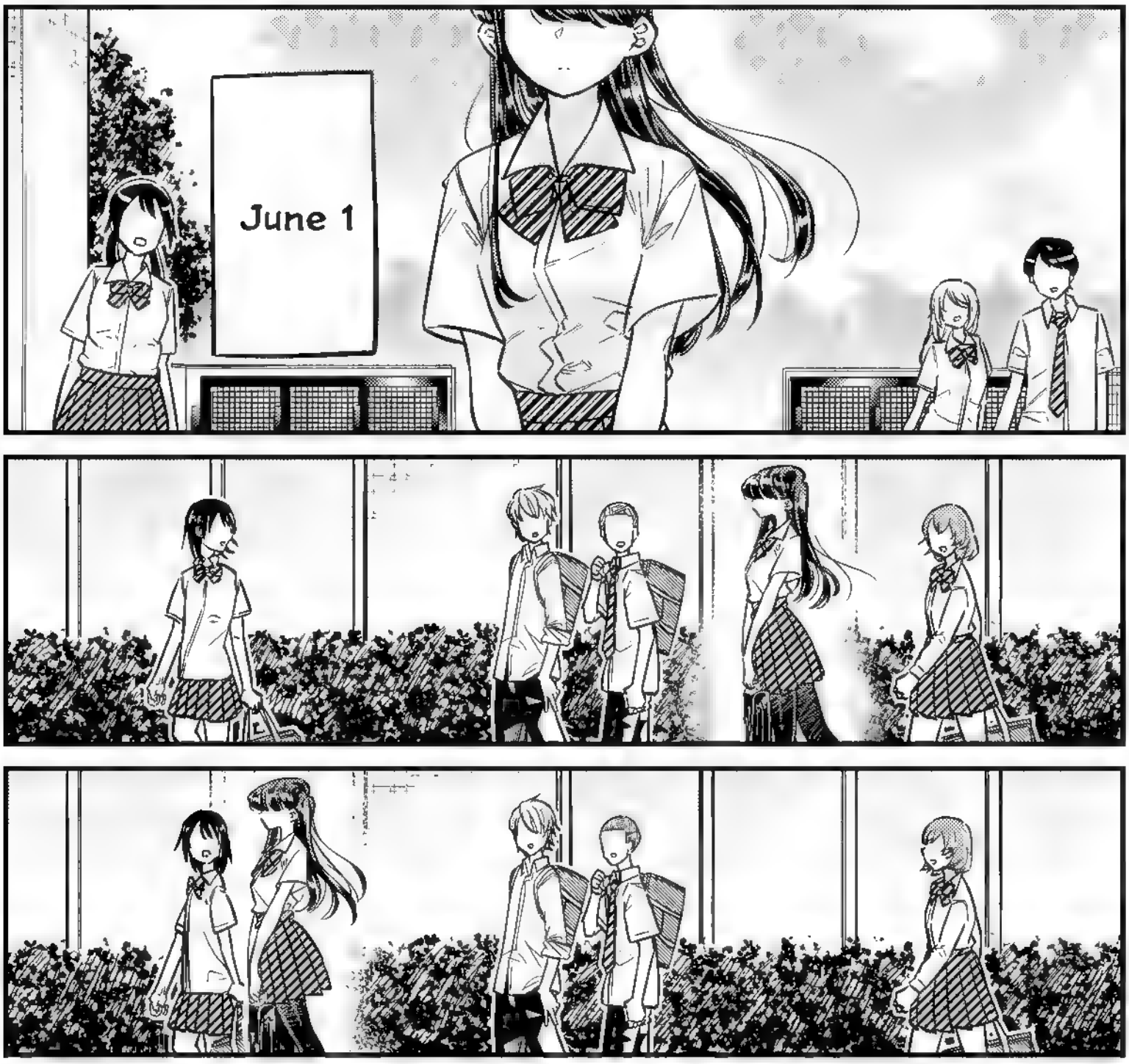
I'LL HELP FIX YOUR COMMUNICATION DISORDER!

Communication 26 – The End

AFTER COMMUNICATION 25...

Komi Can't Communicate

Komi Can't Communicate



Communication 27: Summer Uniform

Good mornings with Najimi

OH!

GOOD MORNING, KOMI!

UM...

...

...

?!

AWE-SOME!

GLEAM

...

GLEAM

GOOD MORNING, KOMI! W-WOOF!

G-G-G-

GOOD MORN-ING, KOMI!

PW

AH

Good mornings with Yamai

UM...

?!

BOBBLE

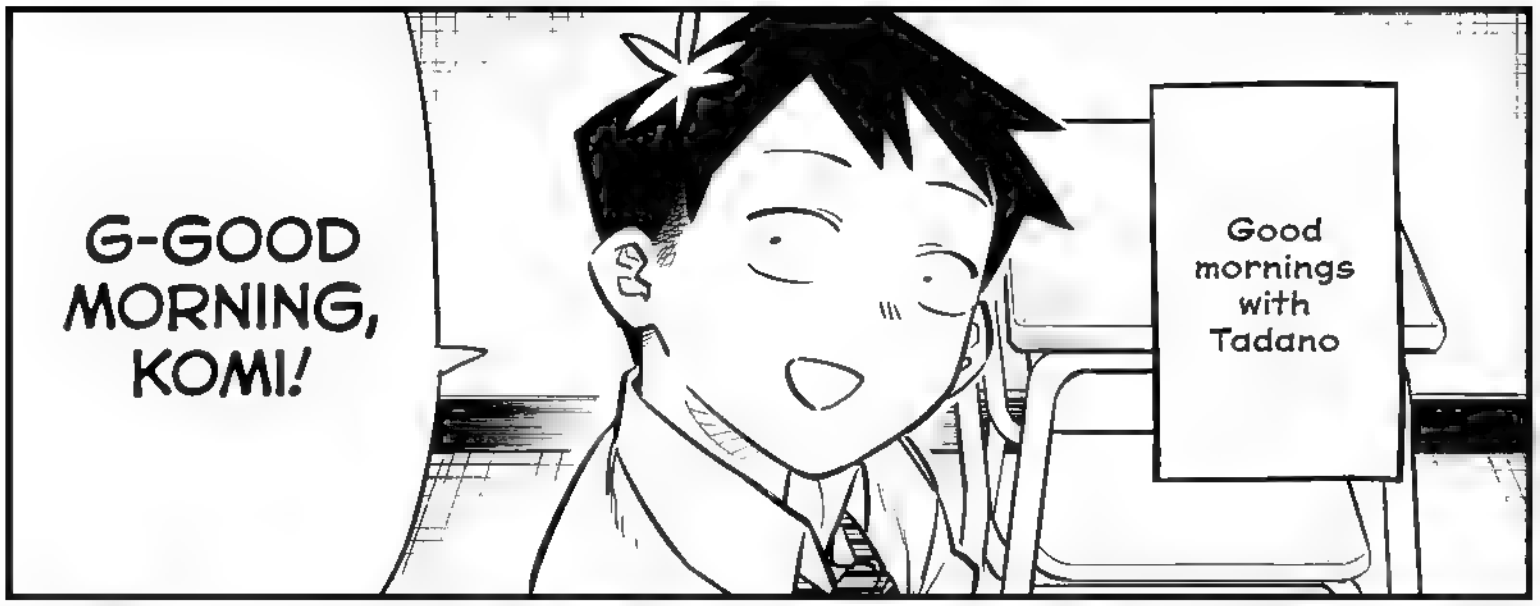
...BLUR-BLE. ♥

SHIVER SHIVER

BLUH...

...WHUH...

TRMBL TRMBL



Communication 27 — The End

Communication 28: Soft Noodles, No Grease, Easy on the Ginger and Veggies

Wanted to go some-time

IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO MAKE A SUGGESTION, KOMI.

GOOD! I'M FAMISHED! HOW ABOUT AT THE STATION?

WHAT A HUMBLE DREAM!

Going for ramen with friends is my dream.

!

JOLT

OH... GOING FOR *RAMEN,* YOU SAY?

HUH? AGARI ?!

Agari knows ramen.

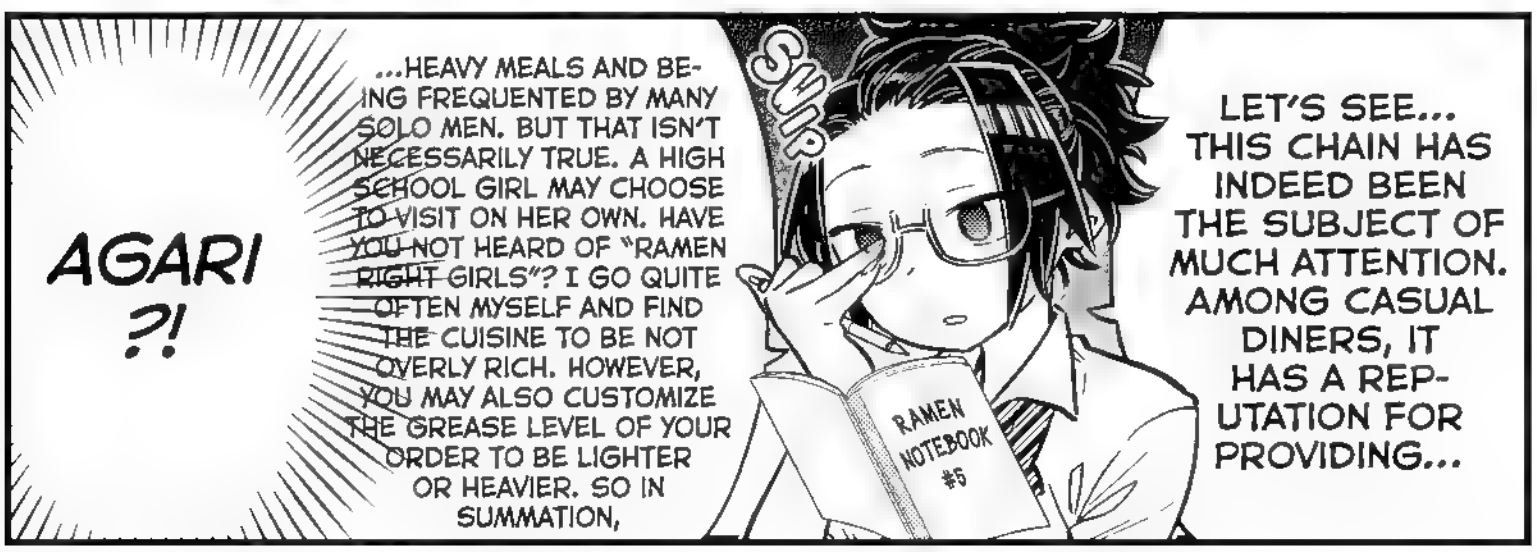
SWIP

THIS IS WHERE *I* COME IN!

RAMEN RIGHT?!
Ramen Right ?!
TADAAAAH
TA-DA! I RECOM-MEND THIS PLACE!

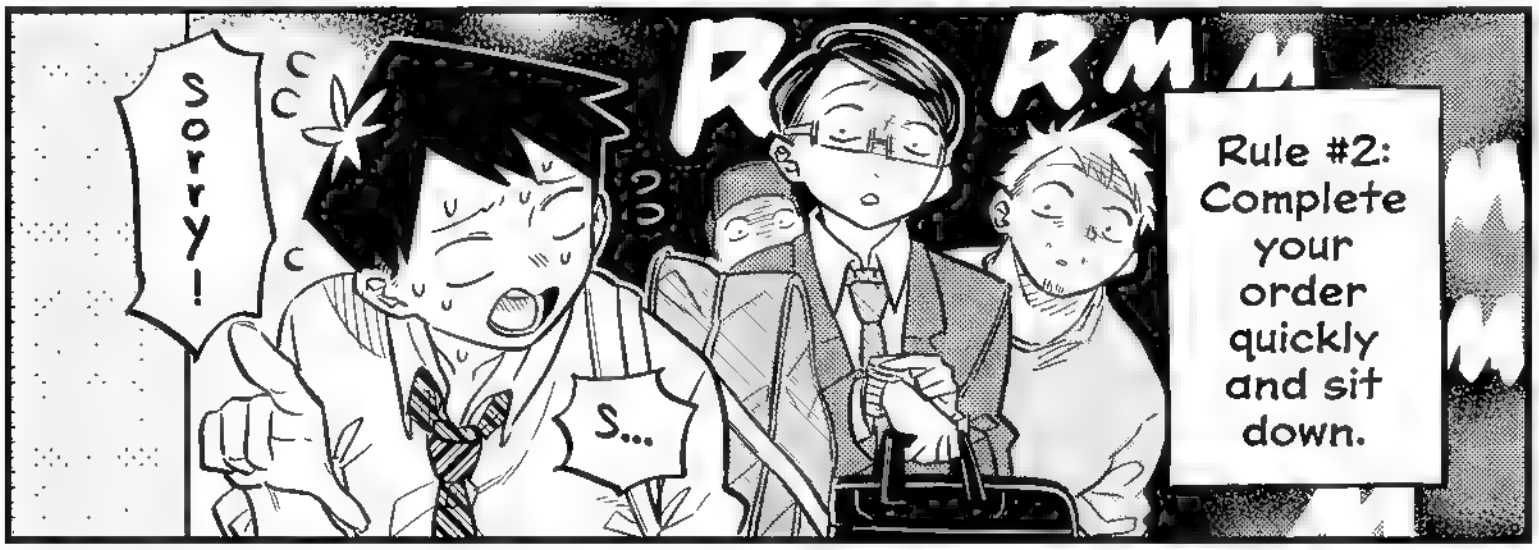
YES!
THIS IS A FAMOUS CHAIN RES-TAURANT, ISN'T IT?

THAT WAS FAST!
Let's go.
BUT DON'T THEY SERVE MASSIVE, GREASY PORTIONS?


AGARI ?!
...HEAVY MEALS AND BE-ING FREQUENTED BY MANY SOLO MEN. BUT THAT ISN'T NECESSARILY TRUE. A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL MAY CHOOSE TO VISIT ON HER OWN. HAVE YOU NOT HEARD OF "RAMEN RIGHT GIRLS"? I GO QUITE OFTEN MYSELF AND FIND THE CUISINE TO BE NOT OVERLY RICH. HOWEVER, YOU MAY ALSO CUSTOMIZE THE GREASE LEVEL OF YOUR ORDER TO BE LIGHTER OR HEAVIER. SO IN SUMMATION,
SUIP
RAMEN NOTEBOOK #5
LET'S SEE... THIS CHAIN HAS INDEED BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH ATTENTION. AMONG CASUAL DINERS, IT HAS A REP-UTATION FOR PROVIDING...

RAMEN RIGHT?!
SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL ...
T N
WHEW ...
SWEAT
SWEAT
S-SORRY! W-WHEN I TALK ABOUT FOOD, I RATTLE ON F-FOR-EVER!
...
STRIDE
I SAW ON TV THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL RULES HERE!
YOU SUR-PRISE ME, AGARI!
I THINK I'LL ORDER THE SAME THING!
...
W-WHAT DO YOU ORDER, AGARI?
GUILTY? OF WHAT?
GUILTY.

Easy for Komi
?!
?!
Ramen Right?! Rule #1: No talking.


Sorry!
S...
RRMM
Rule #2: Complete your order quickly and sit down.

Agari?!
...
What're you doing, Agari?
Rule #3: Bow to the chef and compose your spirit.

?!
CLATTER
SMACK
AGARI'S HAND
Rule #4: No playing with your phone.

...

DAD-OOM

HE'S YOUR TYPICAL STERN RAMEN CHEF!

SWIK SWUK

RAMEN RIGHT?!

HE SPEAKS SO SOFTLY!

WHISPER

Top-pings ?

RAMEN

...

...

...

IS SHE CHANTING A CURSE ?!

SWIP

FIRMNO ODLESE XTRAGRE ASEEXTRA SPICYEX TRAVEG GIES.

Um, I'll have the same.

M-me too...

DON'T ASK ME!!

WHAT'S HE SAYING, TADANO ?!

WHISPER WHISPER WHISPER

And you on the left?

HOW WILL KOMI ANSWER ?!

WHISPER WHISPER

And you, miss?

...

...

A sympathetic resonance between sufferers of communication disorders

SHE GOT THROUGH TO HIM!!

RAMEN RIGHT?!

SPSHHH

NOD

CLINK

CLANK

BA GW !!

Agari's, Najimi's and Tadano's ramen

Time to dig in!!

GWOO GWOO GWOO

W-WHAT A HUGE SERVING ...

WHAT THE HECK, CHEF ?!

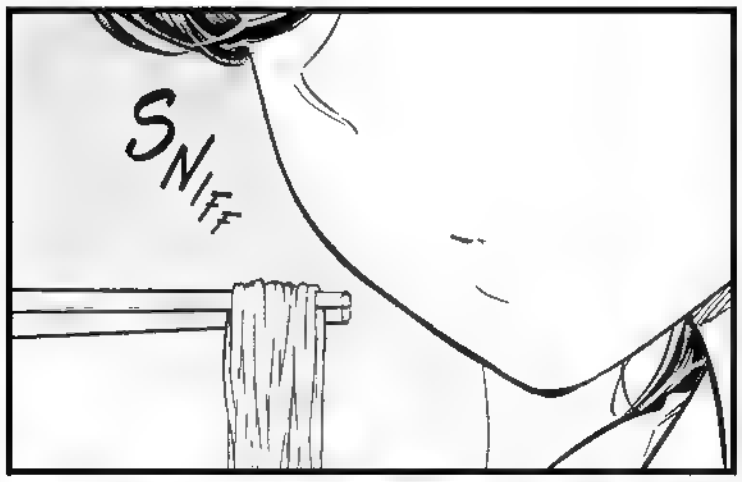
Beautiful presentation

SWIP

GLEAM SPARKLE

Komi's ramen

SWUF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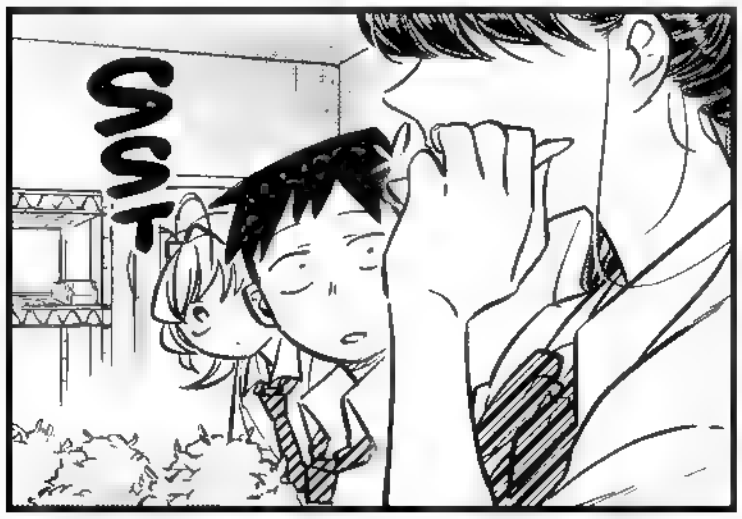
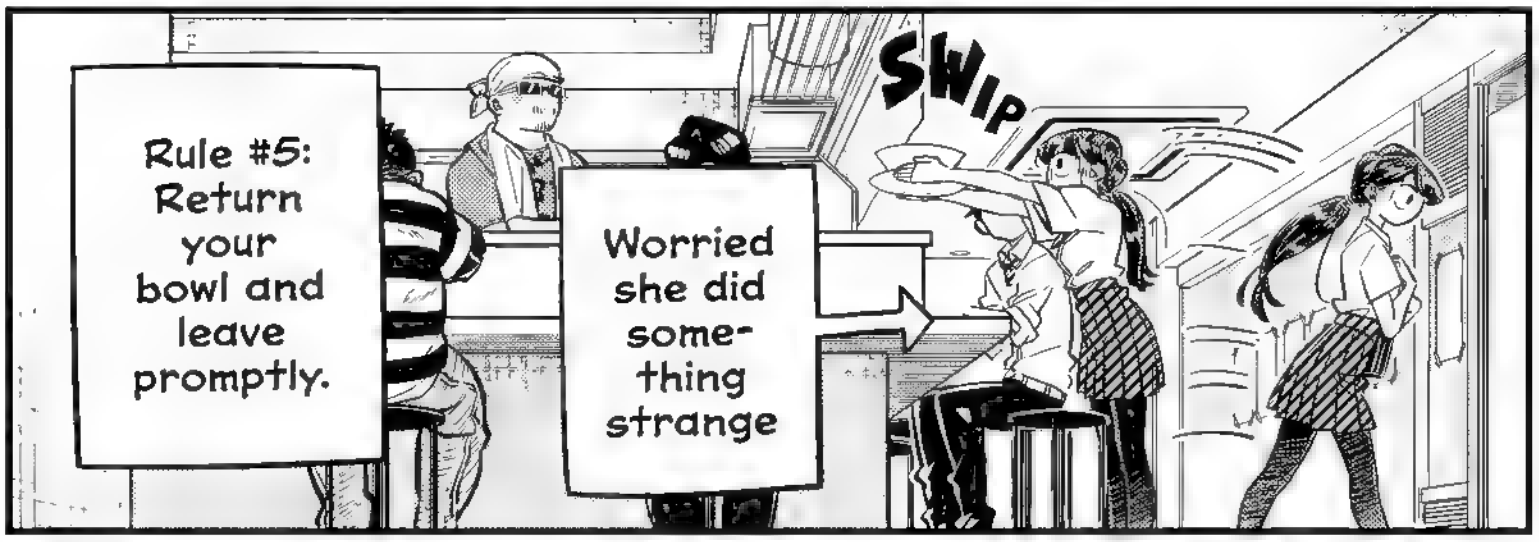
SSSST

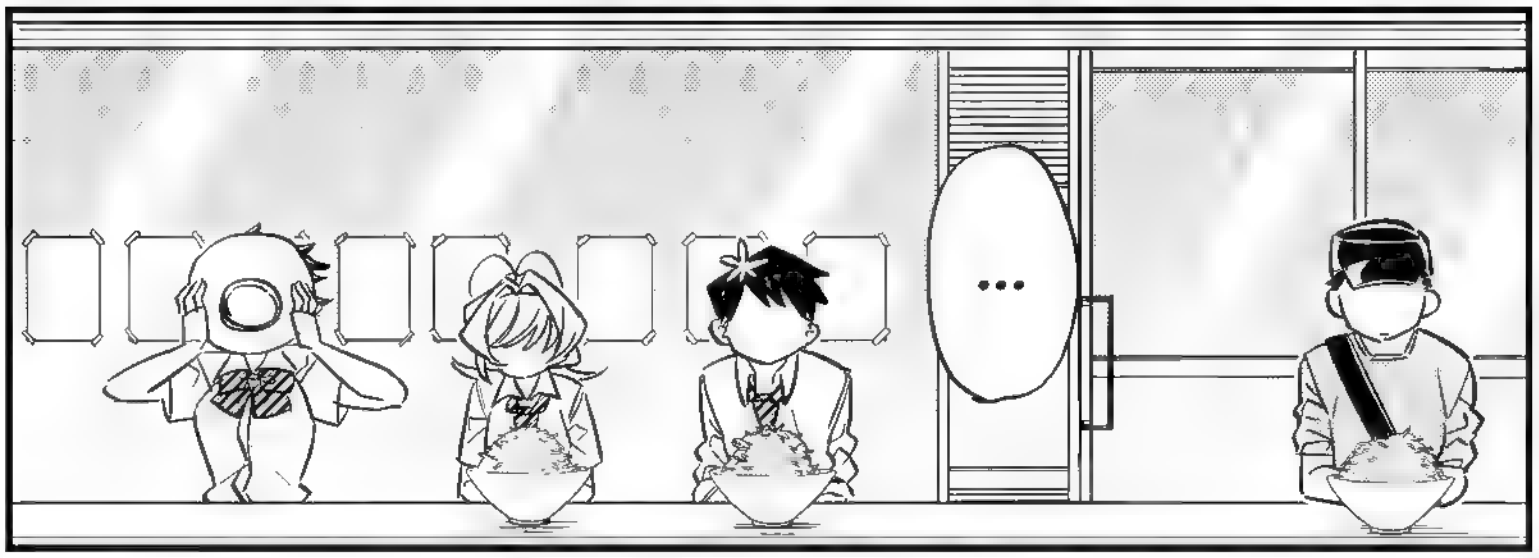

SSSST

EMP
TY
WHOA

CHEF
?!
SHINE

STAAAAARE
JOLT


Rule #5: Return your bowl and leave promptly.
Worried she did some-thing strange
SWIP


...

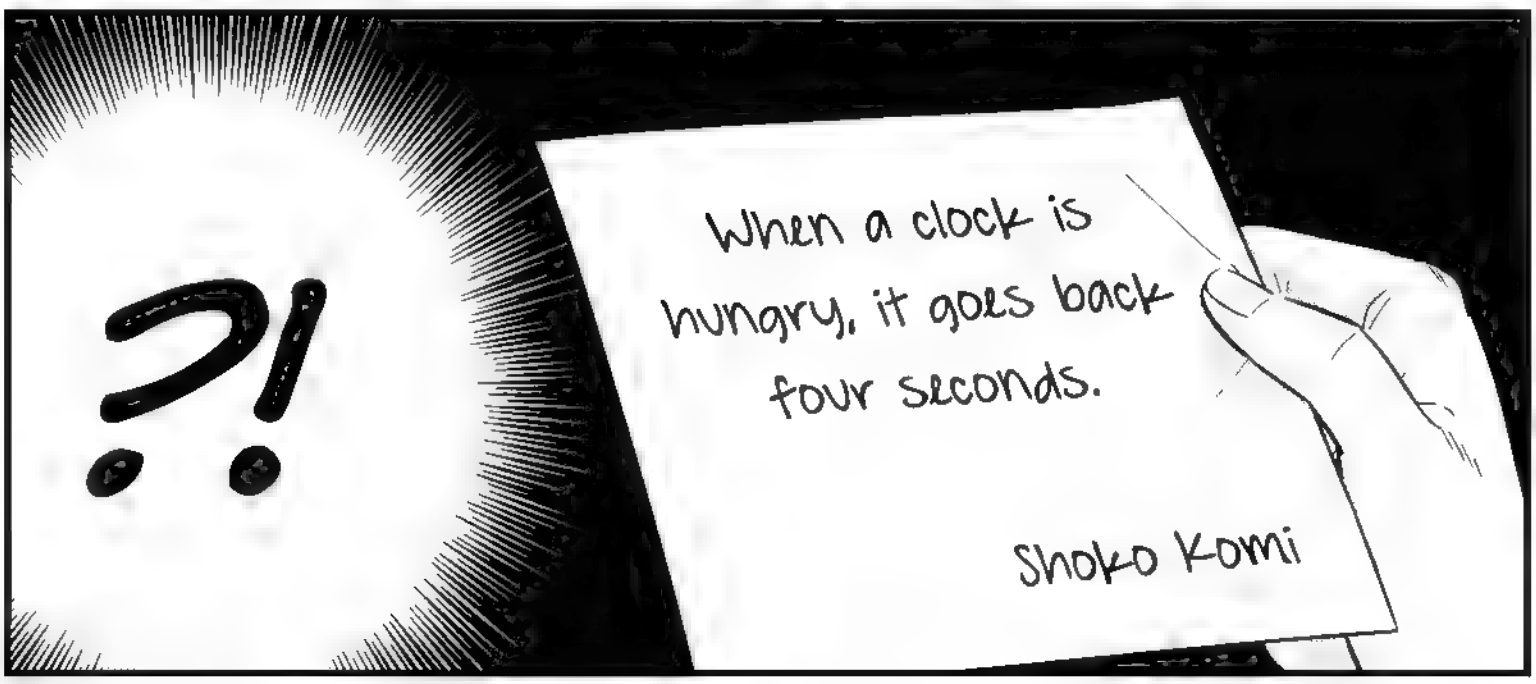
YUM! THAT WAS DELICIOUS!!
AHHH
MY NOODLES ARE GETTING SOGGY!

Communication 28 – The End

Komi Can't Communicate

I CAN ACTUALLY HEAR HER HEART-BEAT!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SWIP

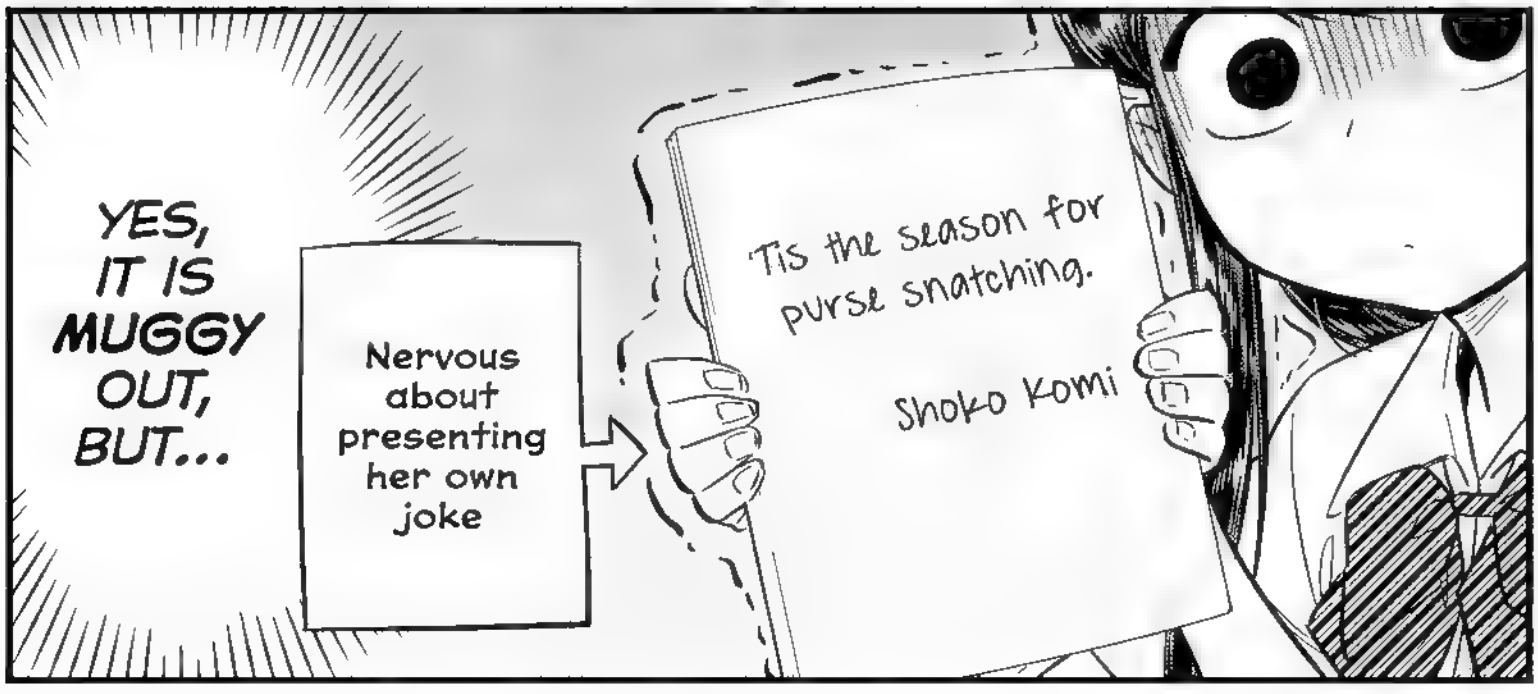
WHAT IS SHE SO NERVOUS ABOUT TELLING ME?
TH-THMP
TH-THMP
FWIP
W...


?!
When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
Shoko Komi

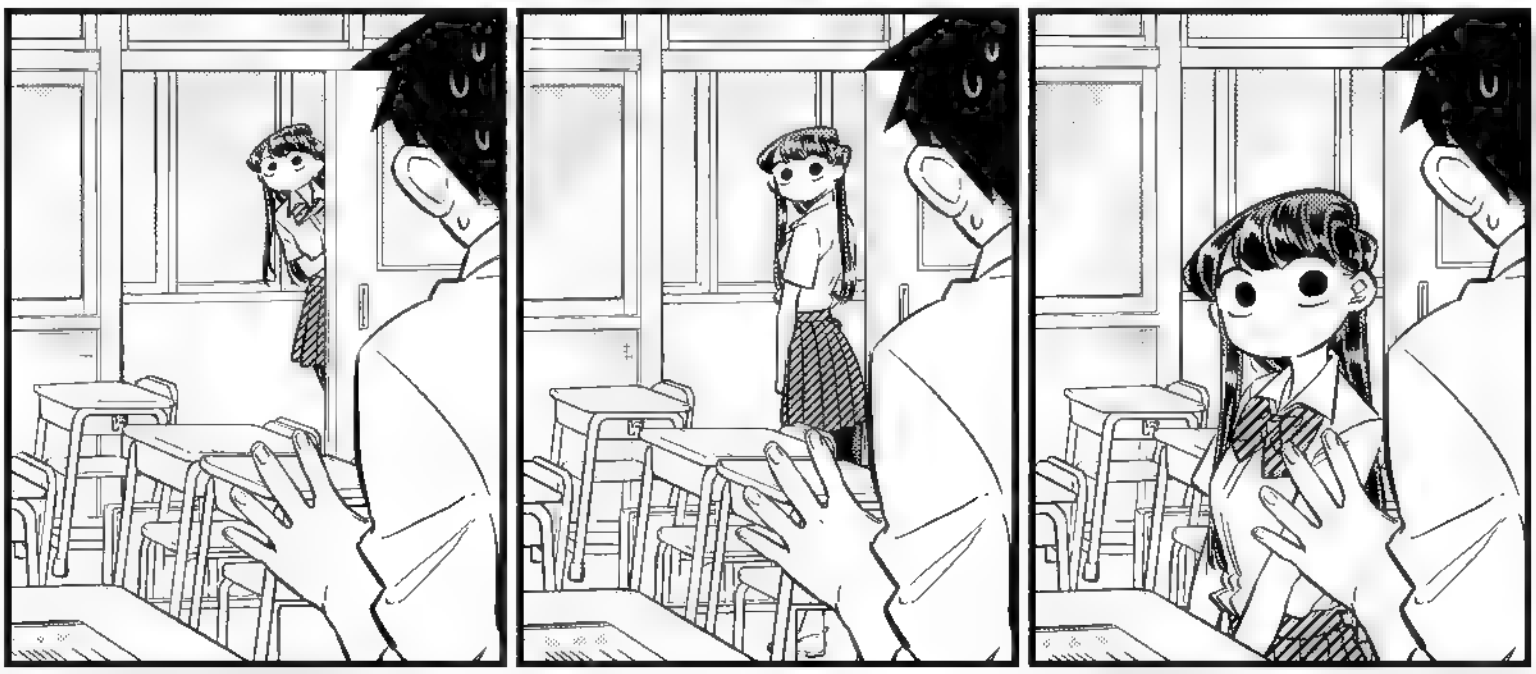
Komi Can't Communicate
Class o' Laffs
JOLT
... CODE?
... SOME KIND OF ...
IS THIS ...
UM ...
RECENTLY ?!
I saw something on TV yesterday that said jokes are important for communication. So I wrote down a funny joke I heard recently.

Communication 29: Jokes

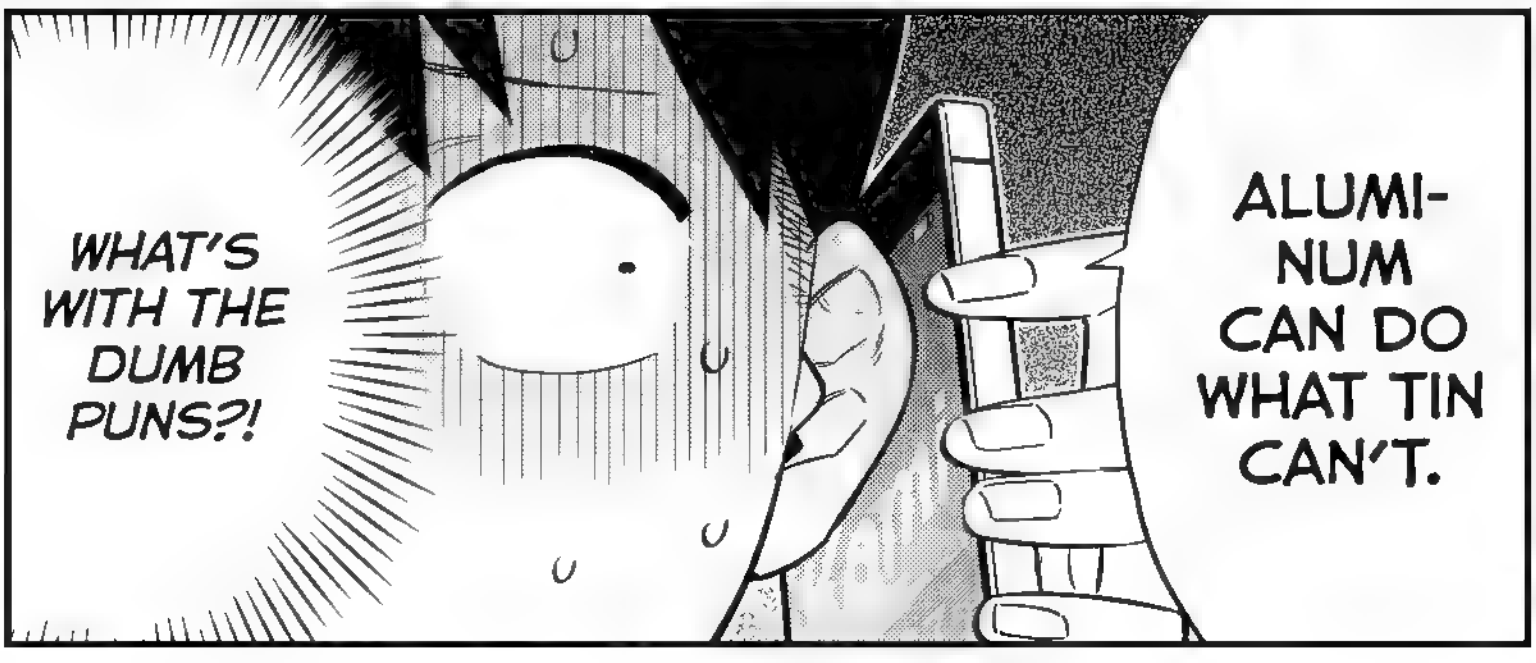
!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY SOMETHING MORE SITUATIONAL.
WELL, UM ...
...

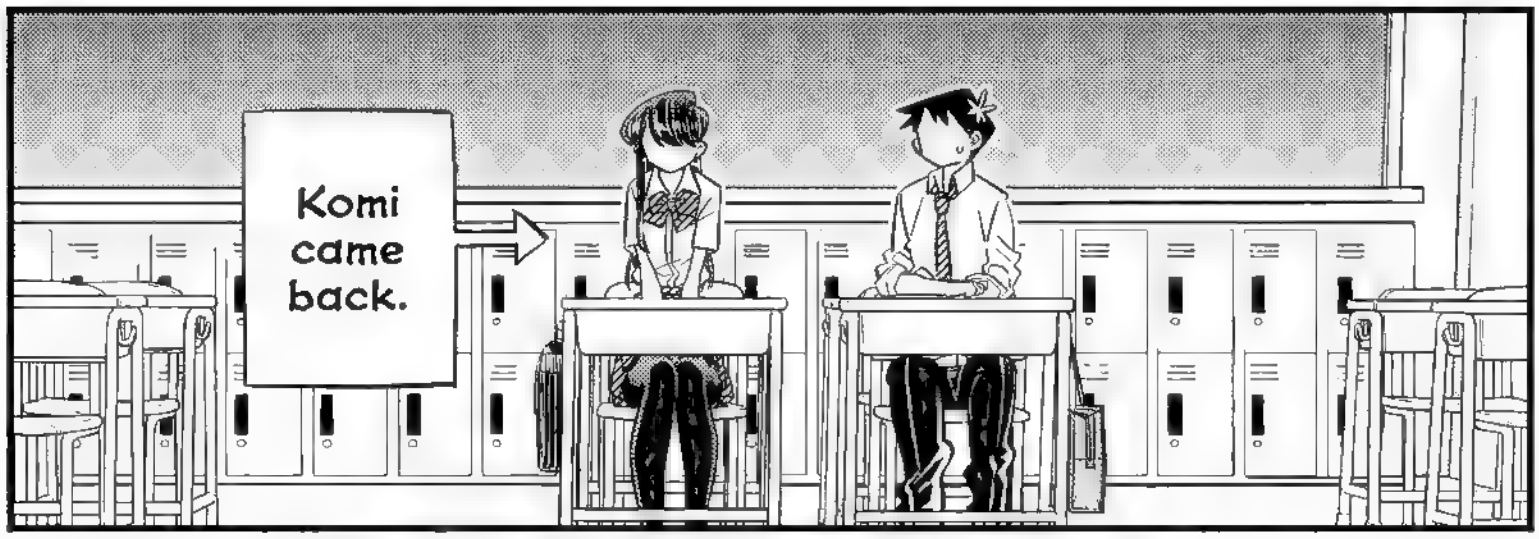

YES, IT IS MUGGY OUT, BUT...
Nervous about presenting her own joke
'Tis the season for purse snatching.
Shoko Komi

... JOKES COME ACROSS BETTER OUT LOUD!
TH-THAT WAS FUNNY, BUT...
NO! YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!
...
TREMBLE



MY PHONE ?
BVVT
BVVT


WHAT'S WITH THE DUMB PUNS?!
ALUMI-NUM CAN DO WHAT TIN CAN'T.


Komi came back.

CAN I TELL HER THAT DUMB PUNS ARE DAD JOKES?!
UM ...
... MMM ...
Was it funny?
"Was it funny?"

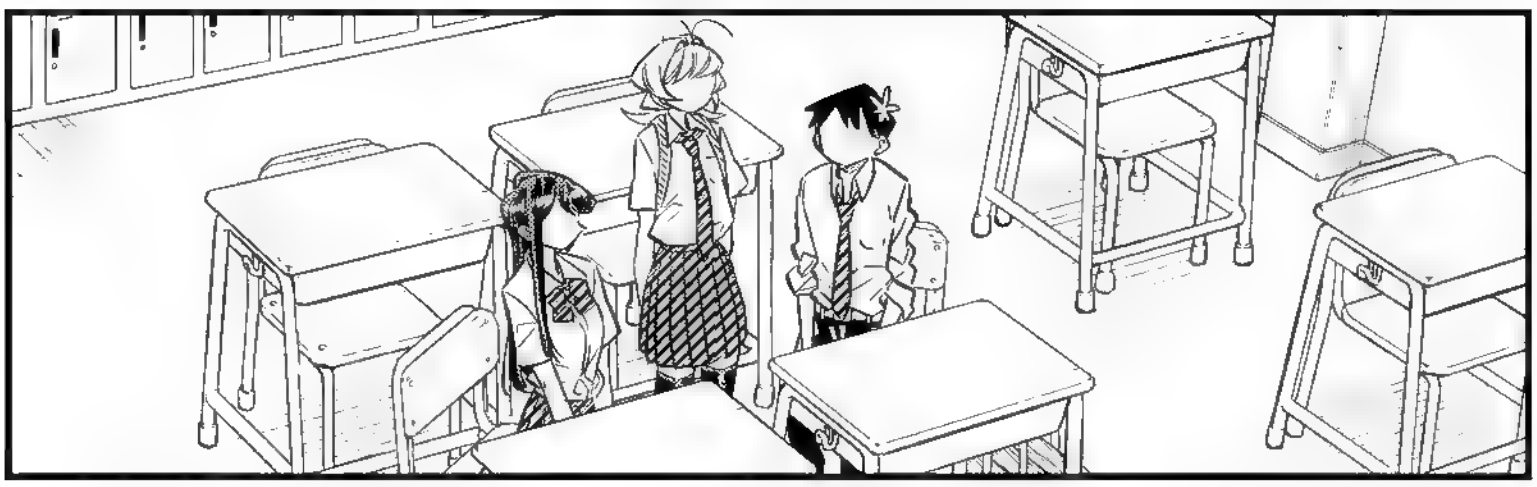
NAJIMI TO THE RESCUE !!
IT'S SO HUMID TODAY!
FWIP FWAP
GOOD MORNING!

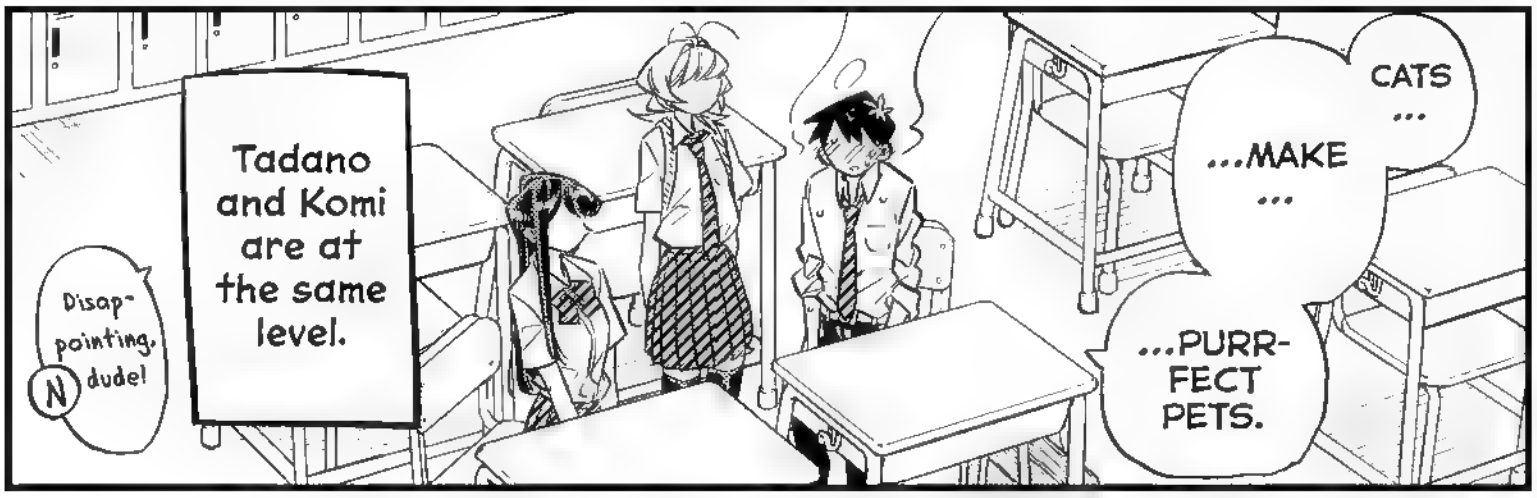
ANOTHER VICTIM!
Where do bombs stay on vacation? A boom with a view.
Shoko Komi
ANYWAY, I FOUND THIS CREEPY NOTE IN MY LOCKER.

Najimi is briefed on the situation.
JOLT
...
PHEW
OH. I THOUGHT IT WAS SOME SORT OF CODE THREATENING TO KILL ME.

HUH?
HWUP
TADANO! GIVE KOMI AN EXAMPLE OF A GOOD JOKE!

HUH?





Communication 29 — The End

Communication 30: Rain

SEE YA!
Vice presi-dent
Class presi-dent
BUT NAJIMI LEFT EARLY!
UGH... THE CLASS COUNCIL MEETING TOOK FOR-EVER...
!

GAK

"I was reading in the library and lost track of time."
OH, REALLY?
HM? WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE, KOMI?
...
KSHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH
...
KOMI, DID YOU BRING AN UMBREL-LA?
...
NOD
GOOD. THEN LET'S GO.
I brought one too.
NAJI-MI!
I stole yer umbrella.
-Phantom Thief N
Former location of Tadano's umbrella

...MY UMB-RELLA.
YOU CAN GO AHEAD.
S-SORRY... I FOR-GOT...
PWUP

STAAARE
HUH?
SWIP
SWIP

STAARE

I CAN HAVE MY PARENTS PICK ME UP, SO...

UM... REALLY ?!

YOU WANT TO SHARE?!

STAARE

...

AS FAR AS THE NEAREST CON-VENIENCE STORE.

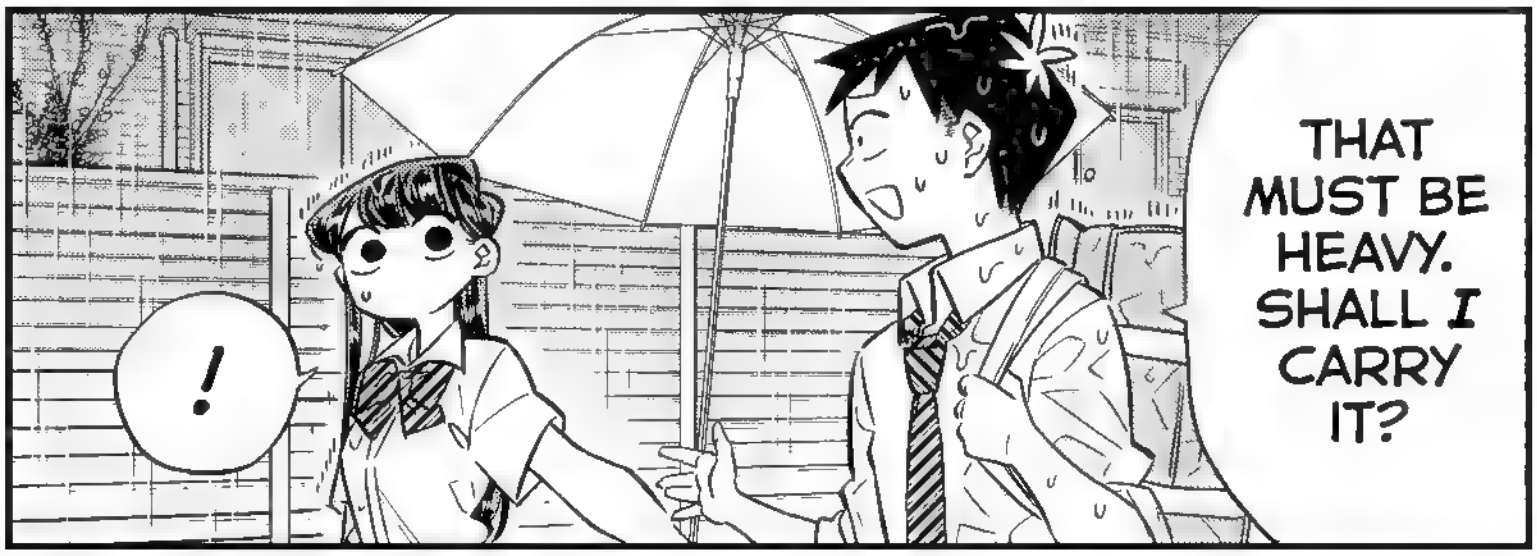
ALL RIGHT ...

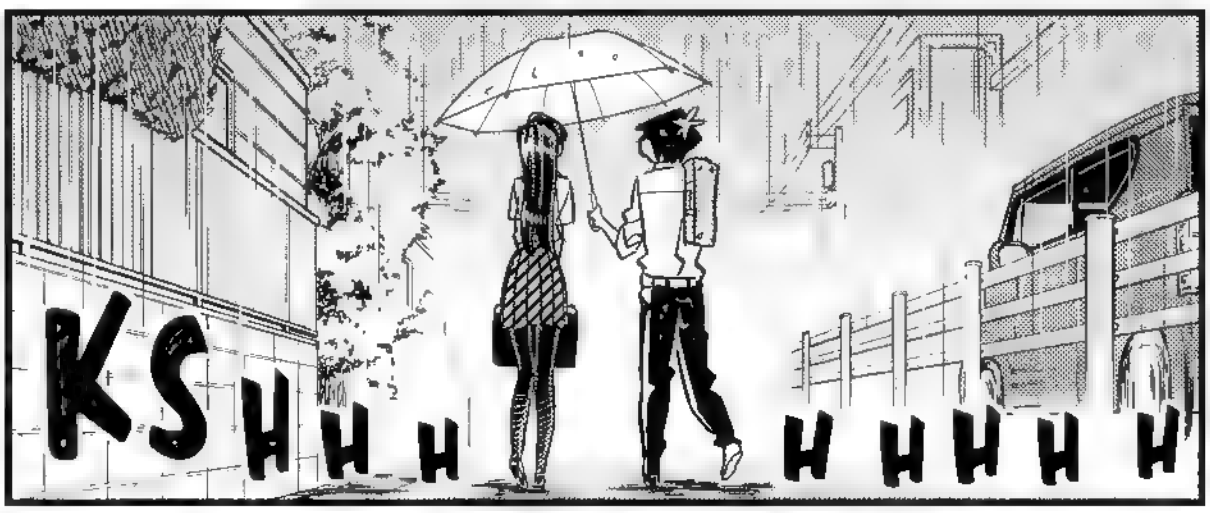
...INTO THIS SITUA-TION?!

HOW DID I GET...

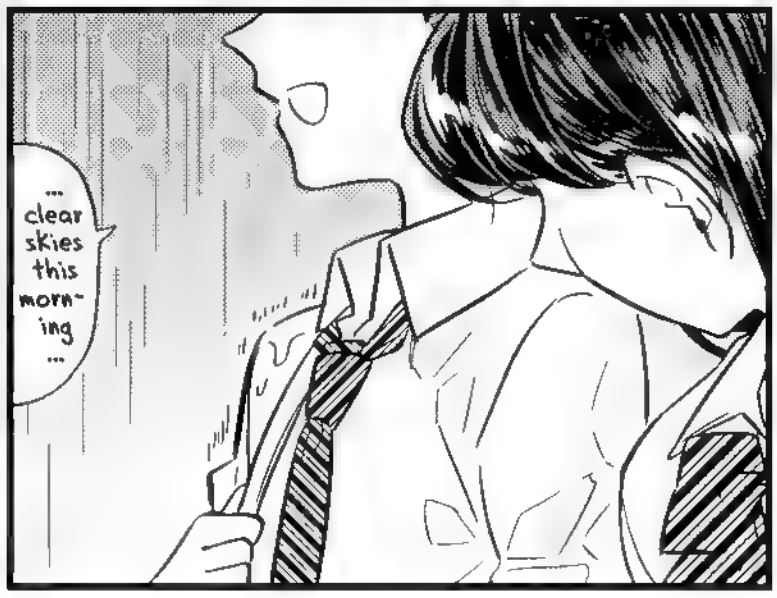
CLOSER THAN EVER!
W-WE'RE SO CLOSE!
YIIPES!
PONK

!
KSHHHH
N-NO, WE CAN'T TOUCH!
Stepped out so she wouldn't be crowding him
No, um...
?!
KSHHHH
KSHHHH


!
THAT MUST BE HEAVY. SHALL I CARRY IT?


KSHHH H HHHHH

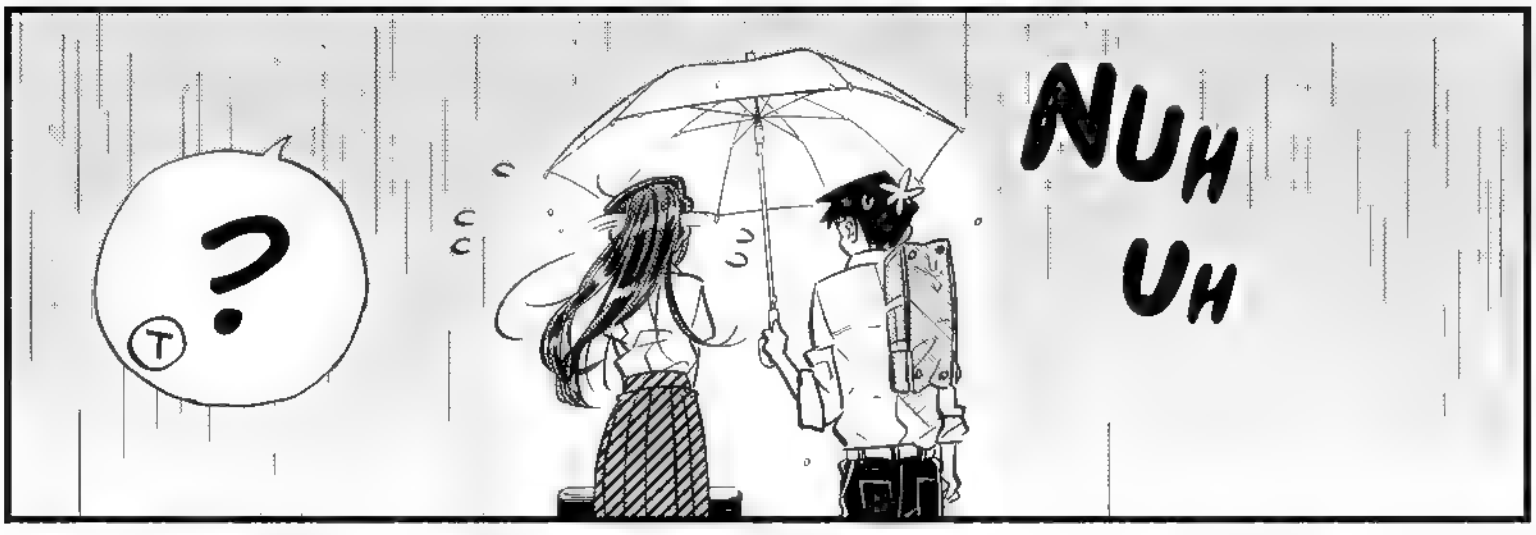
...now it's really pouring.


...clear skies this morning...

...which is kind of funny, because...
PLOOSH

At the class council meeting...
PLOOSH

JOLT
!
WHAT'S WRONG, KOMI?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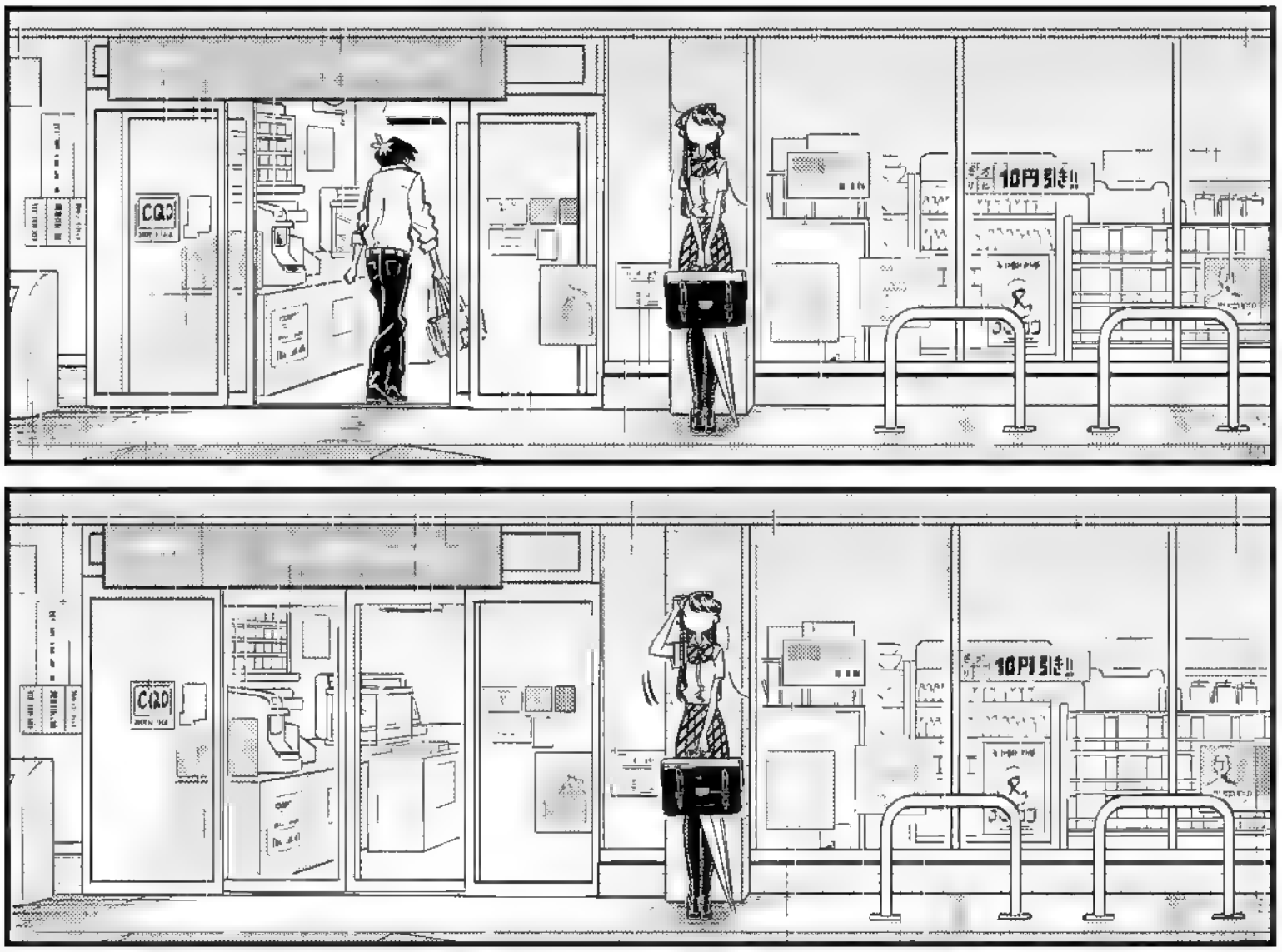
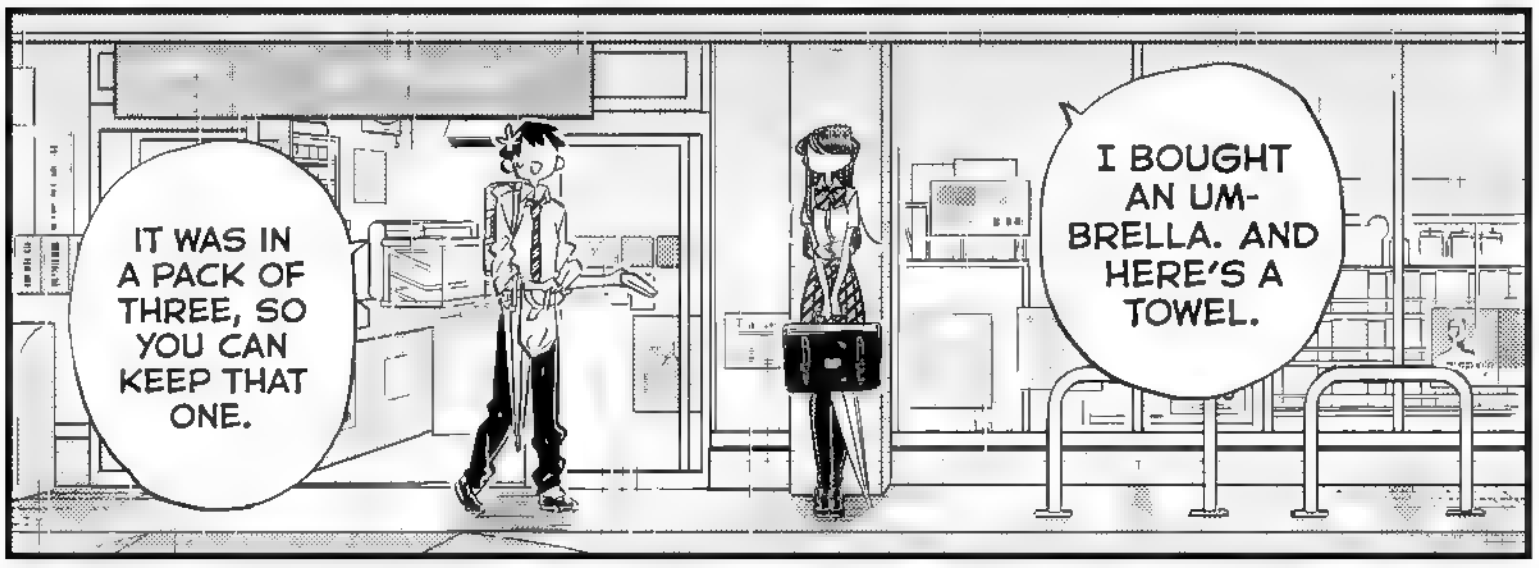
NUH UH

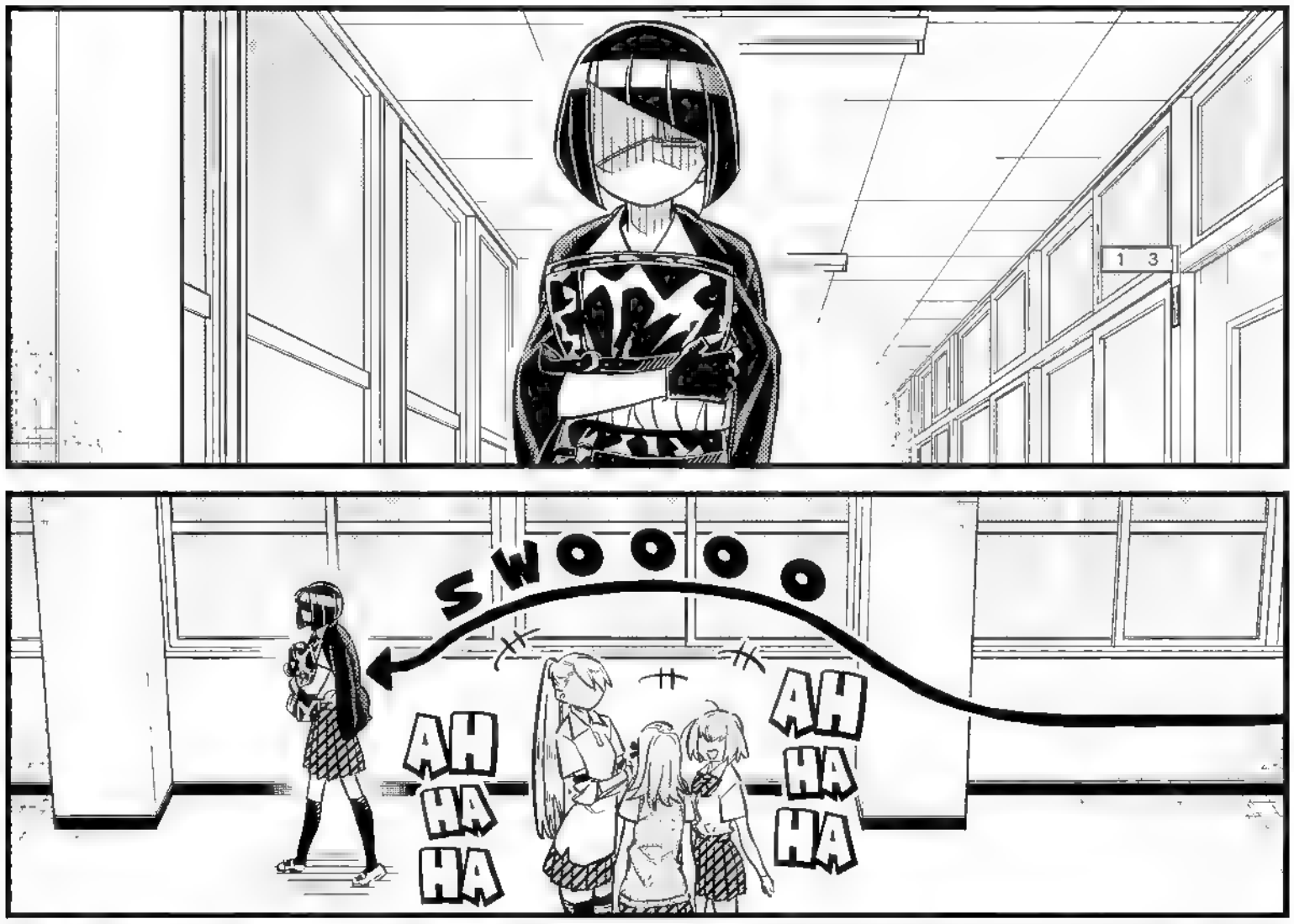
HERE'S THE CONVENIENCE STORE. I'LL GET AN UMBRELLA.

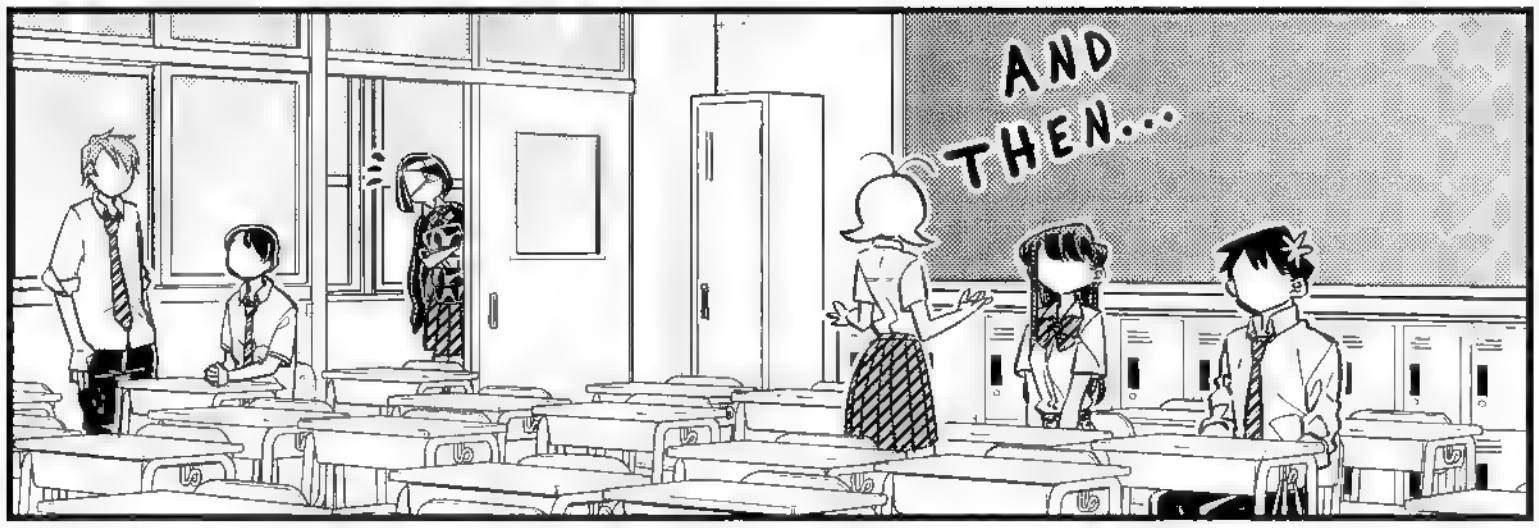

10円引き!!
10円引き!!


IT WAS IN A PACK OF THREE, SO YOU CAN KEEP THAT ONE.
I BOUGHT AN UM-BRELLA. AND HERE'S A TOWEL.

DID YOU WAIT FOR ME BY THE LOCKERS? After seeing Najimi's note?
...BUT ...
I MIGHT BE WRONG ...
UM ...
...

Communication 30 – The End


1 3
SWOOOO
AH HA HA
AH HA HA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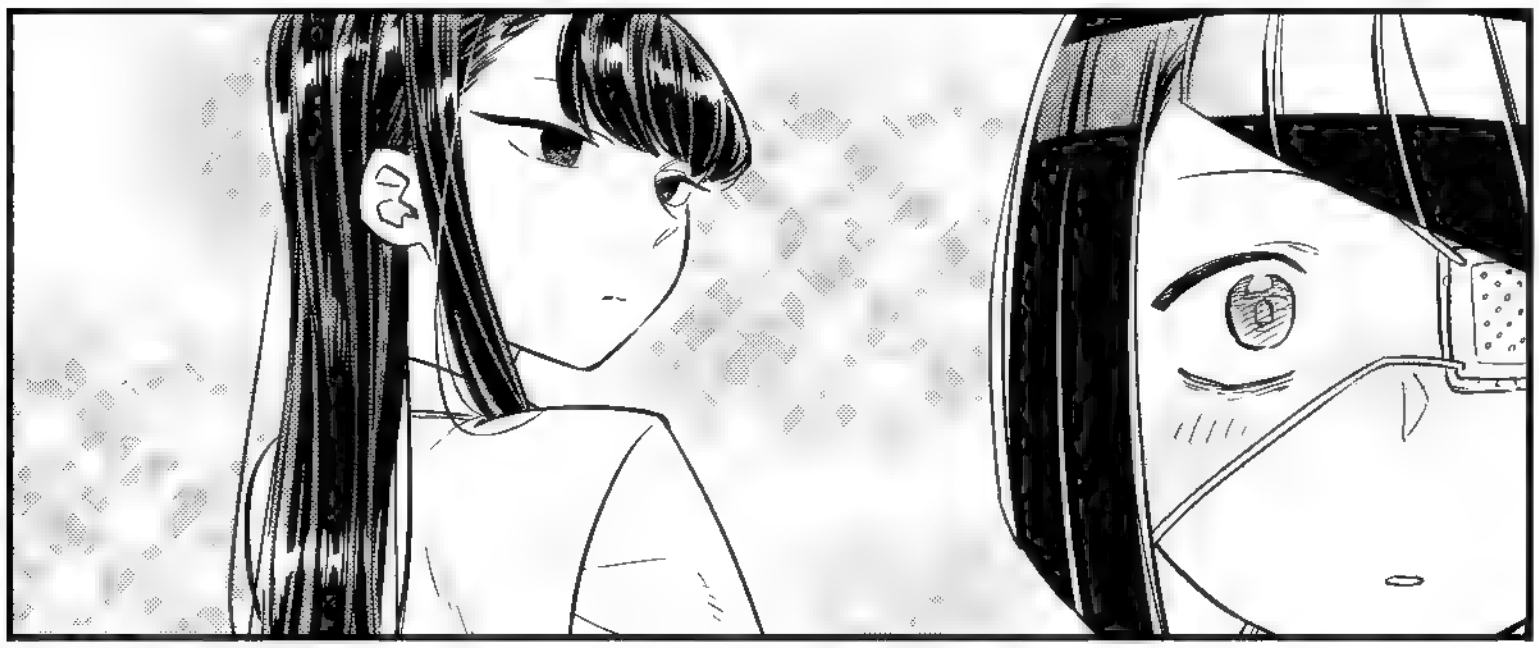
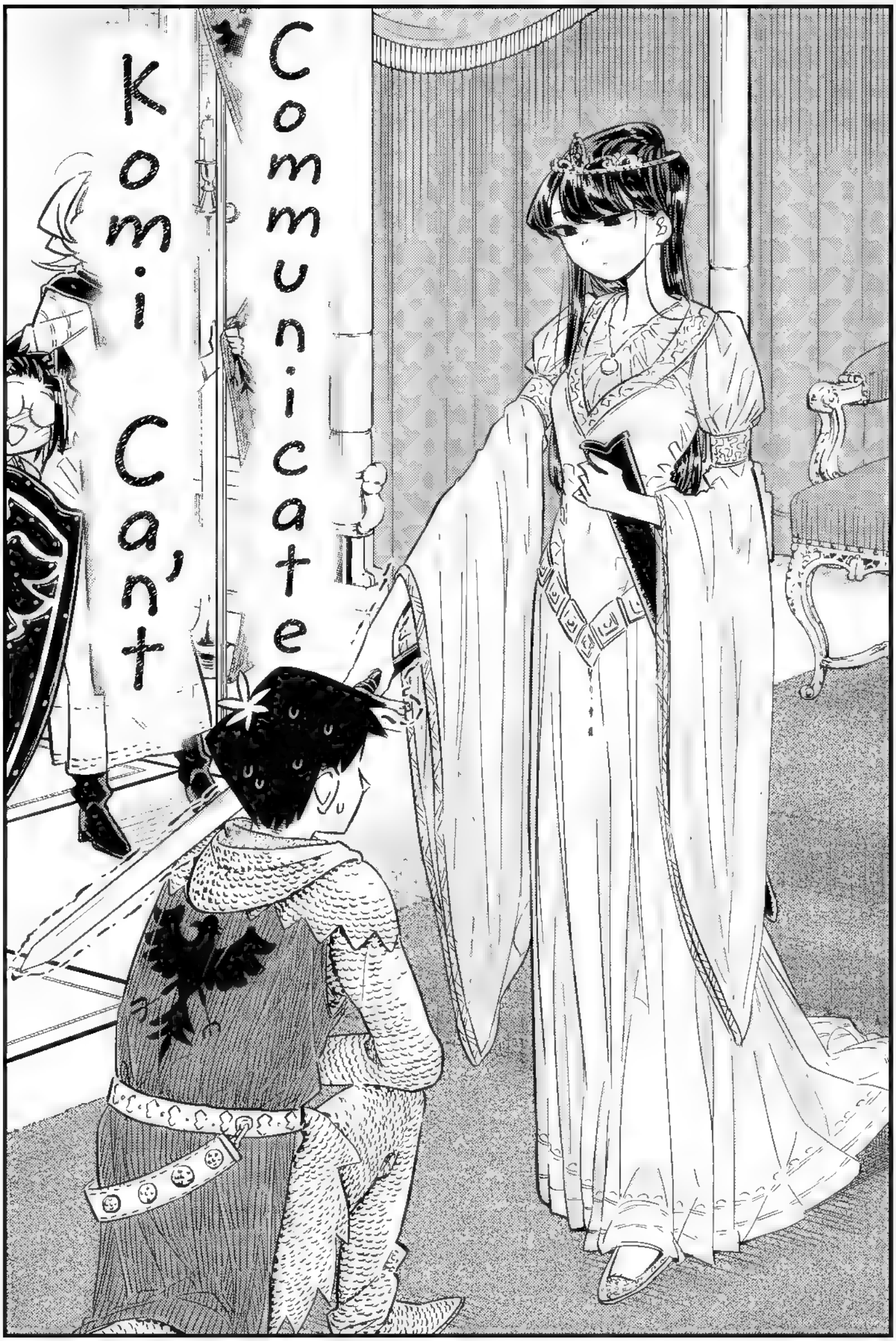
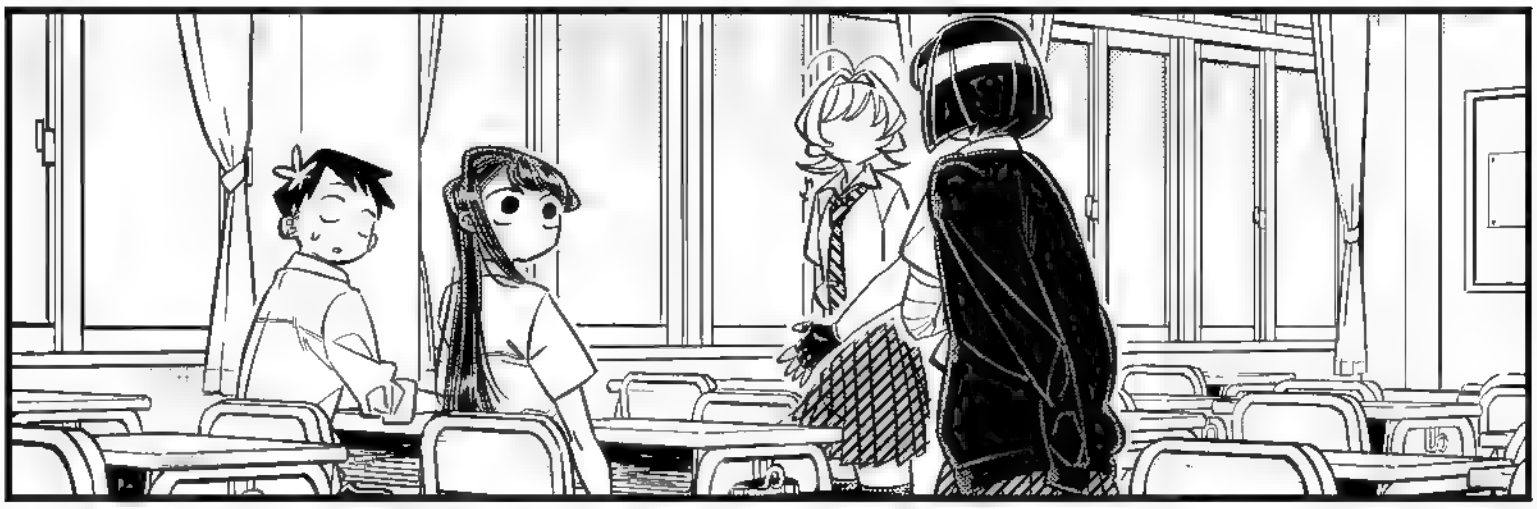


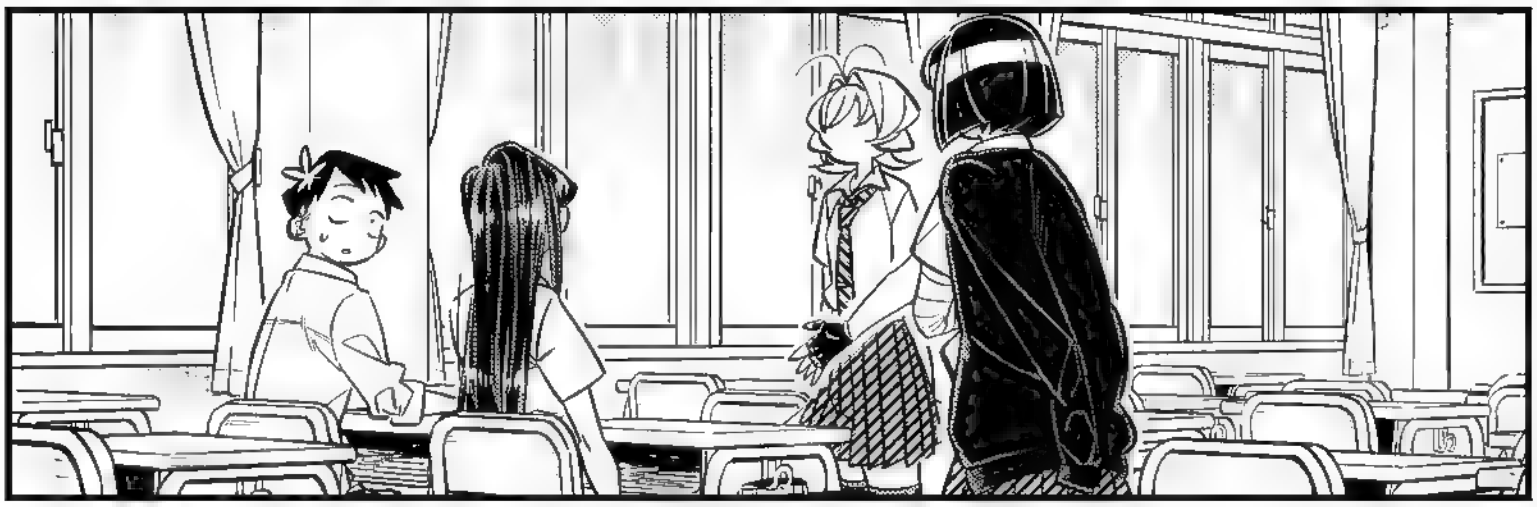
?!
FLINCH
SHUDDER
GAH!
SWOO
W-WHAT CAN THIS MEAN?!
THE *DRAGON FORCE* RESIDING IN MY BODY IS GOING WILD!!
BUT WHY?!
COULD IT BE YOU, *PRINCESS KOMILIA*?!
PRINCESS KOMILIA?!
Nakanaka is going through a phase.

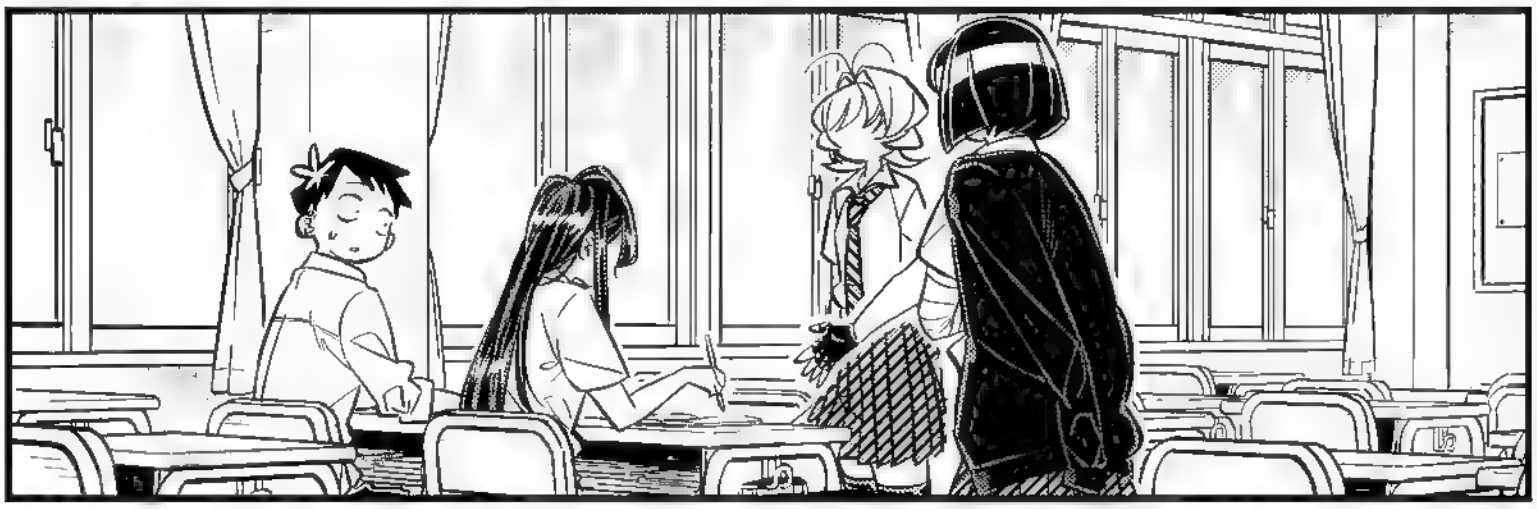


Communication 31: Blood Contract

PRINCESS KOMILIA! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?! IT'S ME!
Suddenly can't remember
KOMI, YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH NAKANAKA?
THAT'S HER REAL NAME?!
Real name: Omoharu Nakanaka
MY REAL NAME IS MARSAULT LES PRIMAVERA!
THIS KIND OF TAKES ME BACK...
Went through a phase
PANG
HW
...IN MANY DIFFERENT TIMES.
I UNDERSTAND. WE'VE BEEN REBORN OVER AND OVER...
BUT THEY WERE RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER A SECOND AGO!!
WE MUST COMPLETE A BLOOD CONTRACT!
...AND THE WORLD WILL END!
PRINCESS! WE BOTH CARRY DRAGON FORCE, SO IF WE COME WITHIN TEN METERS OF EACH OTHER THERE'LL BE AN EXPLOSION...







KOMI BELIEVED HER?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Tell me more about the explosion.

UM, UH ...

*Explaining this kind of thing is embar-rassing.

"What is Dragon Force?"

FIDGET FIDGET

UM, DRAGON FORCES RESONATE WITH EACH OTHER. SO, UH...

SHE JUST ADMITTED IT'S FICTIONAL!

T

FW

HURRY! THE BLOOD CONTRACT!!

UP

ANYWAY! SUCH FICTIONAL DETAILS DON'T MATTER!!

!

TREMMBLE

Evil Eye = Pink Eye

MY EVIL EYE IS GONNA RAGE OUT OF CONTROL!!

I NEED TO VISIT THE NURSE!!

?!

G-GUWAAAAGH!!

TROMP TROMP TROMP TROMP

!

Has Nakanaka always been like that?

MAYBE A BLOOD CONTRACT MEANS BECOMING FRIENDS.

FIND A PARTNER FOR WARM-UPS.

P.E.

TRMBL TRMBL

PARTNER WITH ME, KOMI! WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?

YAAAY

BE MY PARTNER, KO—

OOF!

...

CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER

BUT *I'M* DIFFERENT! *I'M* A CHILD OF DARK-NESS!

FWISH

...

HMPH! THEY'RE SO FULL OF THEM-SELVES!

ONE TOUCH OF MY DRAGON FORCE WOULD MAKE THEIR LIMBS ROT AND FALL OFF!

I UNDER-STAND!

MWA HA HA!

HEH...

HA HA HA ...

MWA HA HA!

...

HEH.

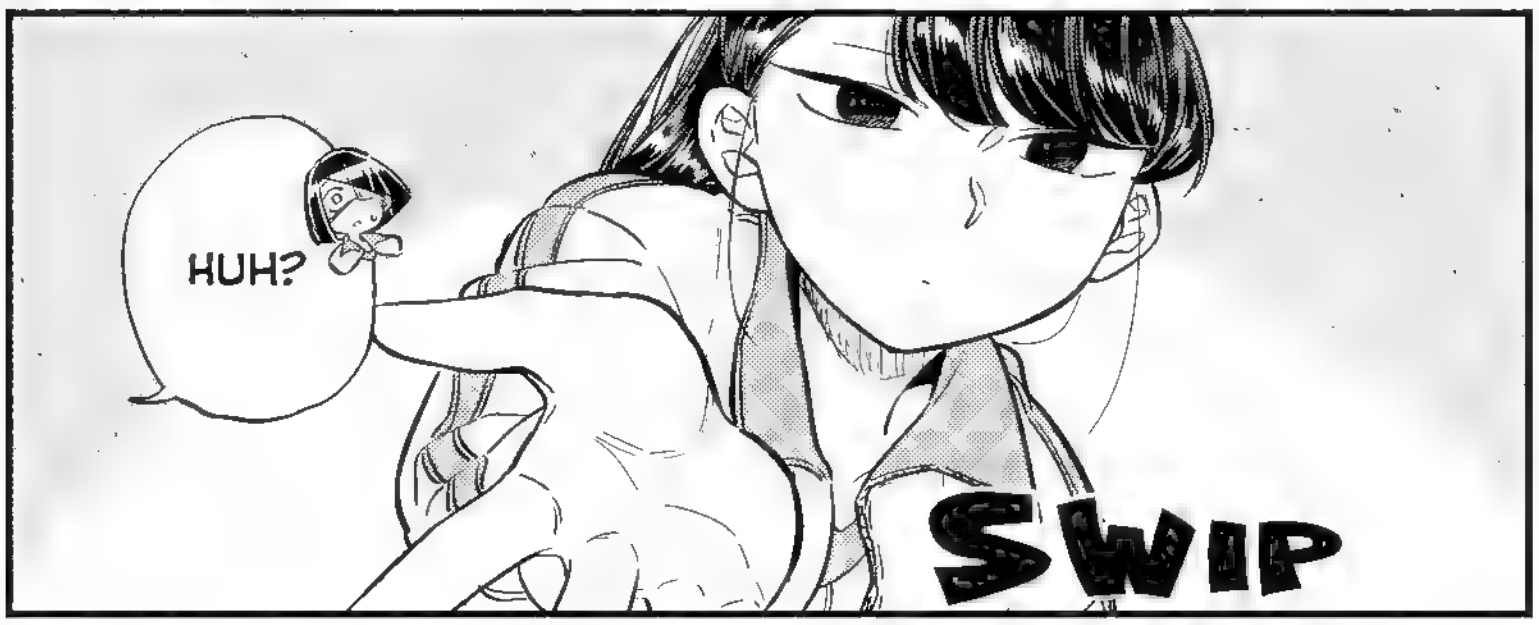
...BE MY PART-NER?

... WON'T ANY-ONE ...

WHY ...

...

YOU SCARED ME!
Y...
Y...
Y...
SKSSH SKSSH
WAH!!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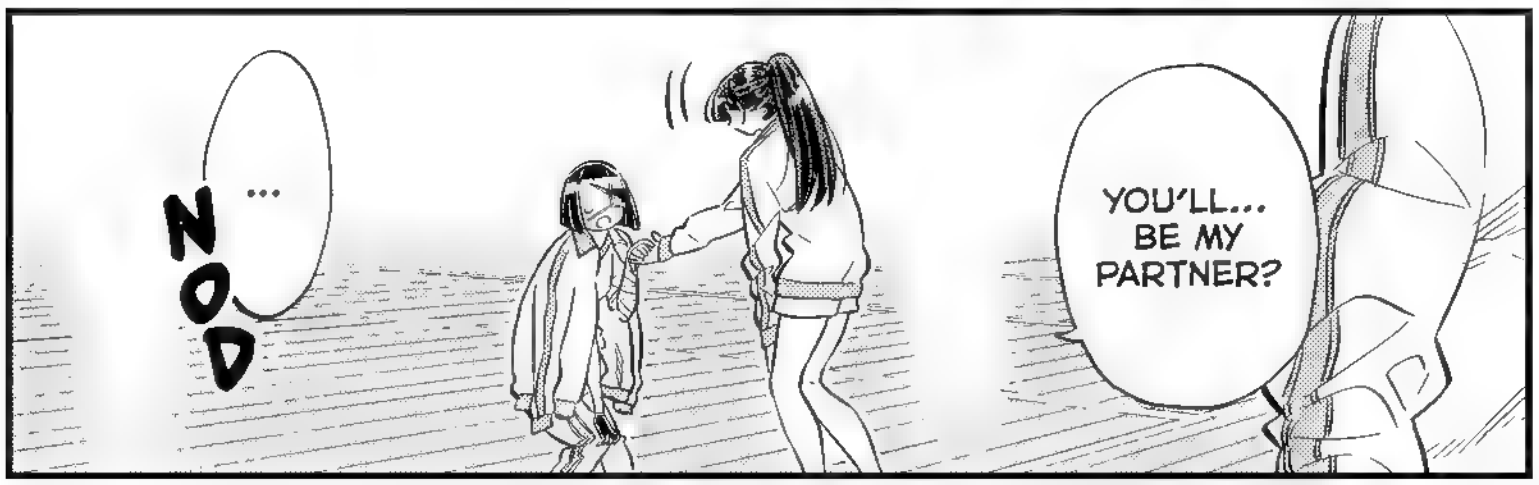
SWIP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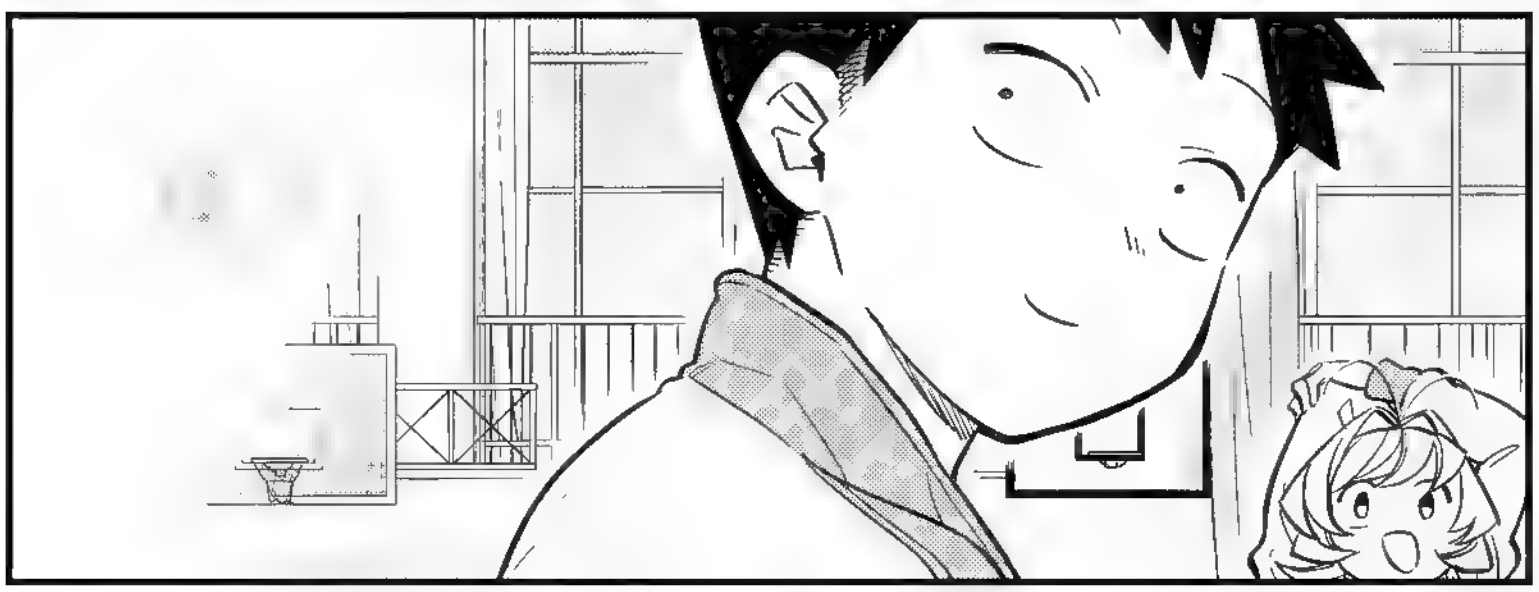
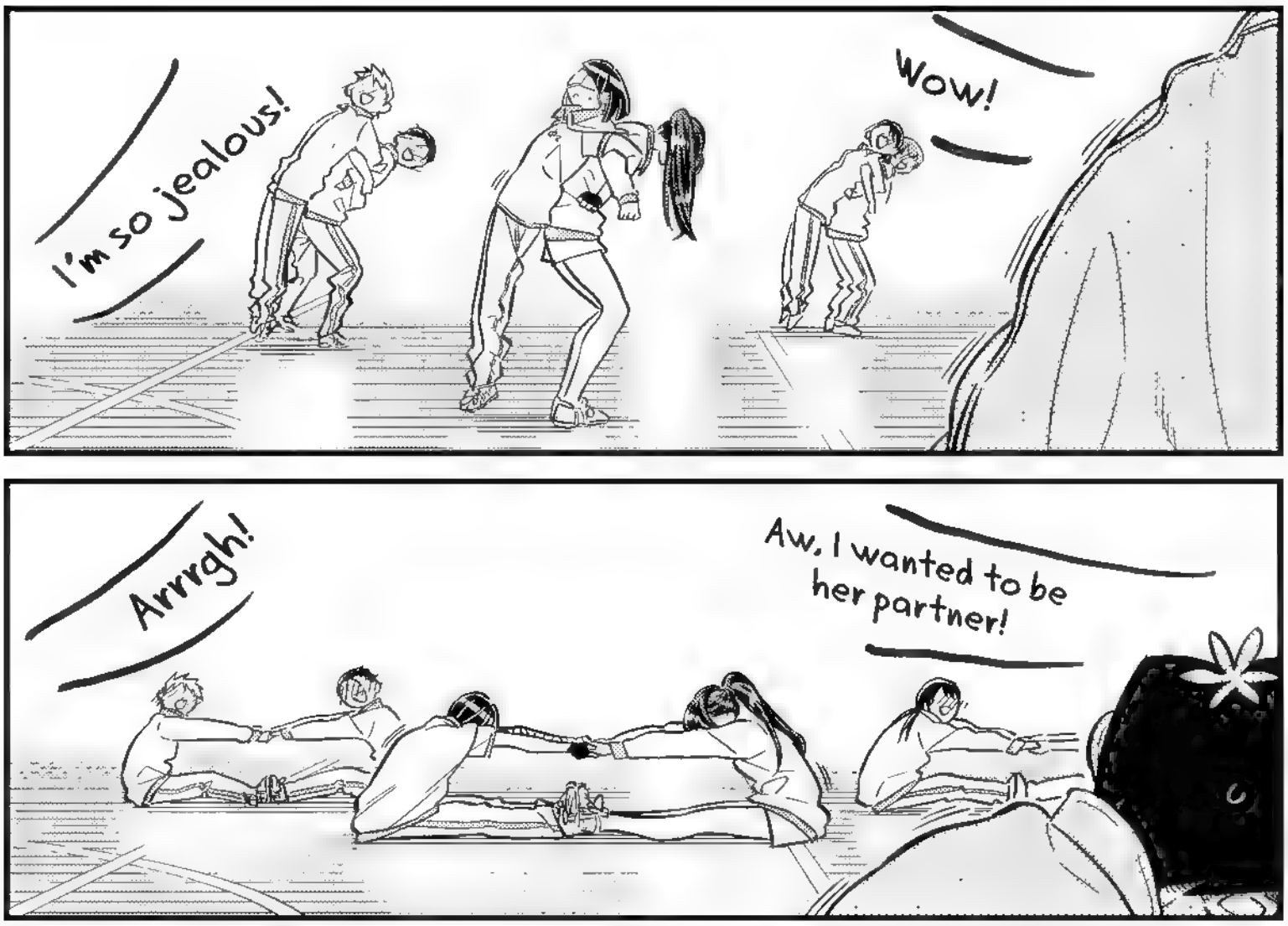
NOD
YOU'LL... BE MY PARTNER?




I'm so jealous!
Wow!
Arrrgh!
Aw, I wanted to be her partner!

Why didn't Komi choose me?!
Waaah!
KO-MI?
...
OKAAAY
PREPARE FOR VOLLEY-BALL!

UH ...

UM ...

THANK ...

TH ...

BLUSH

HH HH

...

...YOU.

A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA
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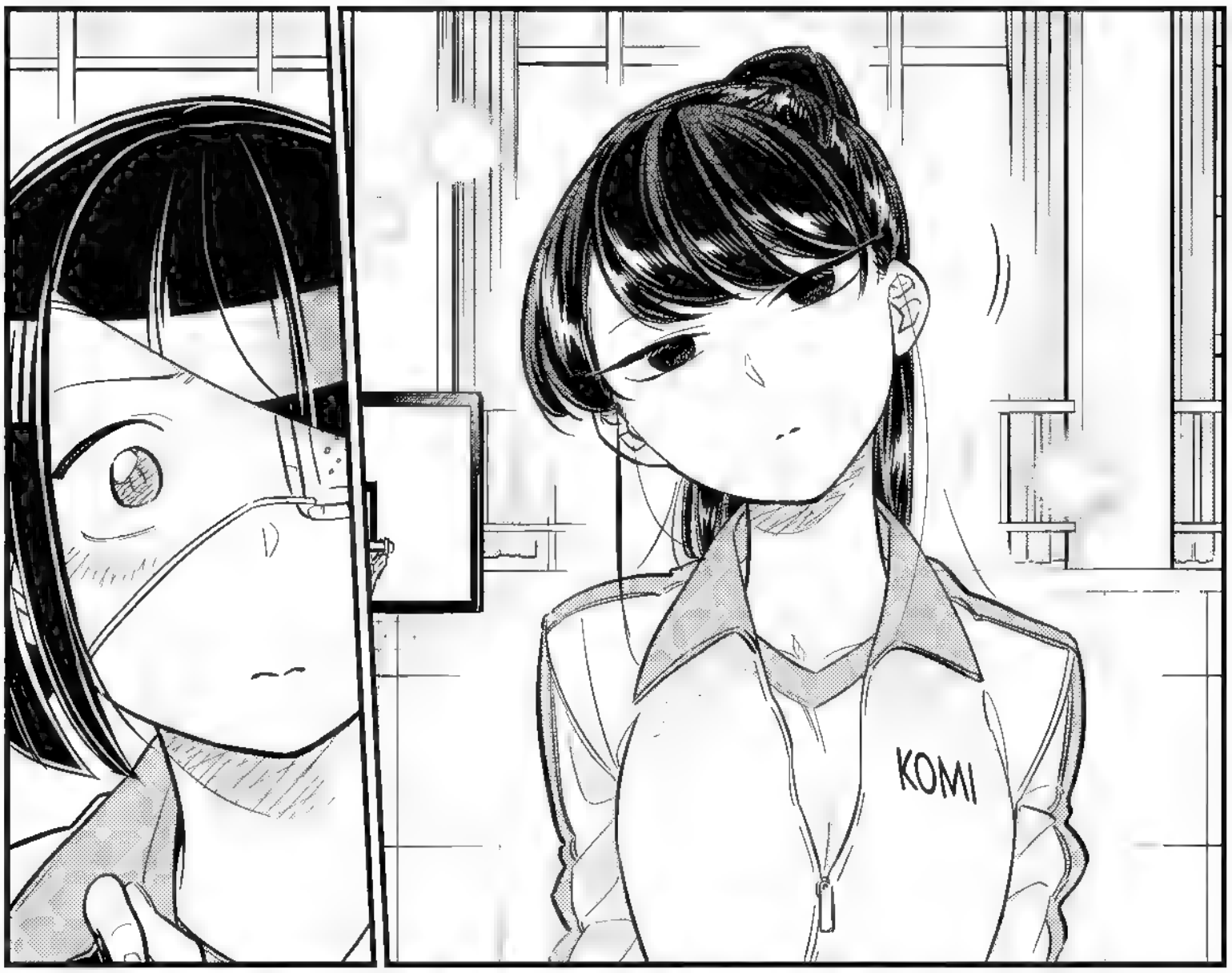
A HA HA HA HA
A HA HA HA HA

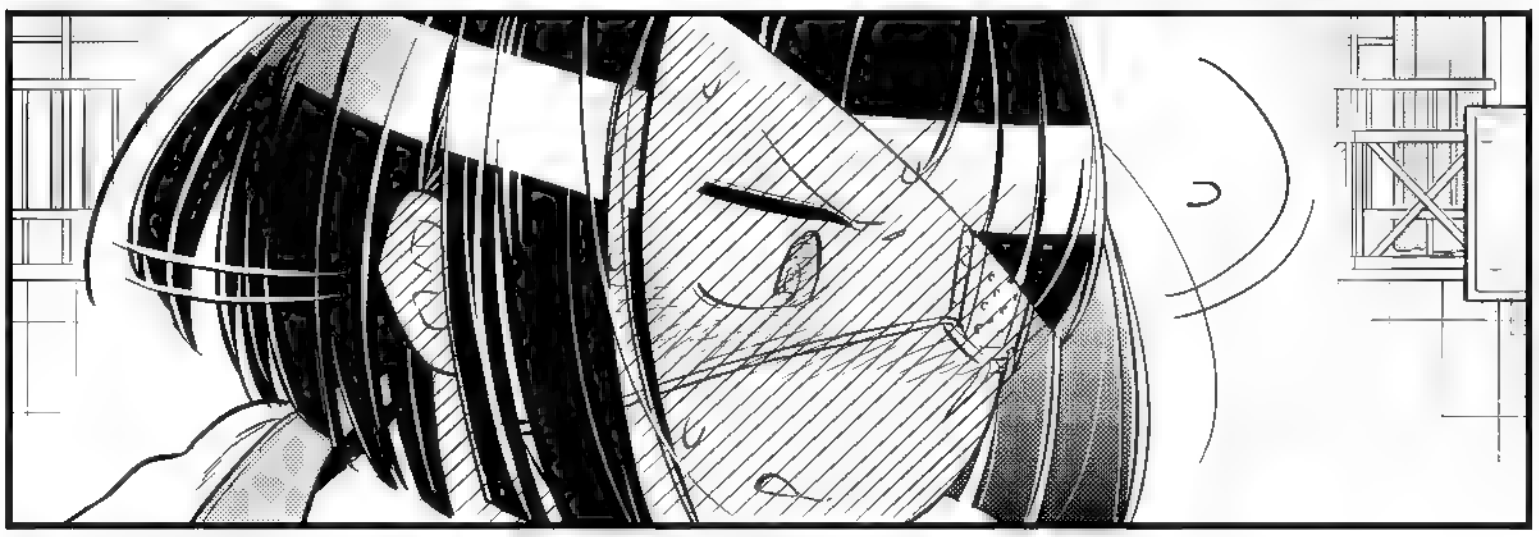
...

I AM THE DRAGON-LING LORD MART TRIE VESSNER! BY SEALING THE BLOOD CONTRACT, YOU HAVE BECOME MY SERVANT! MWA HA! MWA HA HA HA HA HA

DADU

MWA HA HA HA HA! FOOLED YOU, PRINCESS KOMILIA! I'M NOT YOUR ALLY MALT TRES WHAT-EVER!





Communication 31 — The End

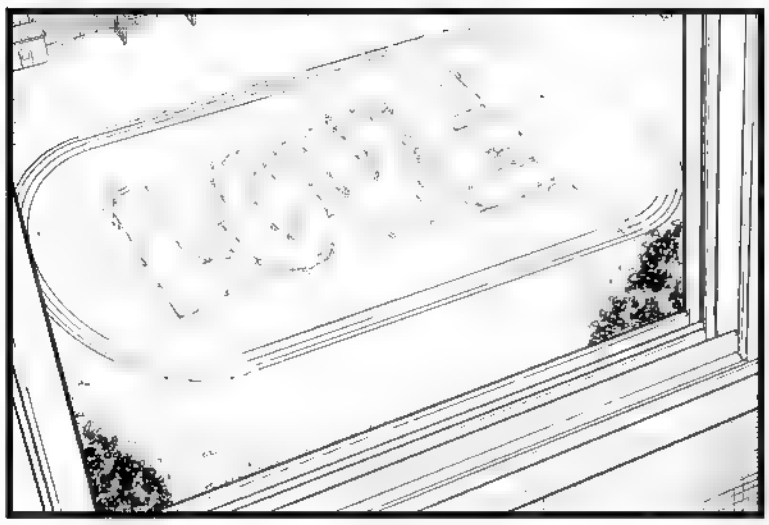
Komi Can't Communicate
AND AS YOU CAN SEE...
I'M HITOHITO TADANO. IT'S MY SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH.
Example 1:
Looks directly at the camera
Example 2:
Internal narration insisting he isn't ordinary
...I'M NO ORDI-NARY KID!

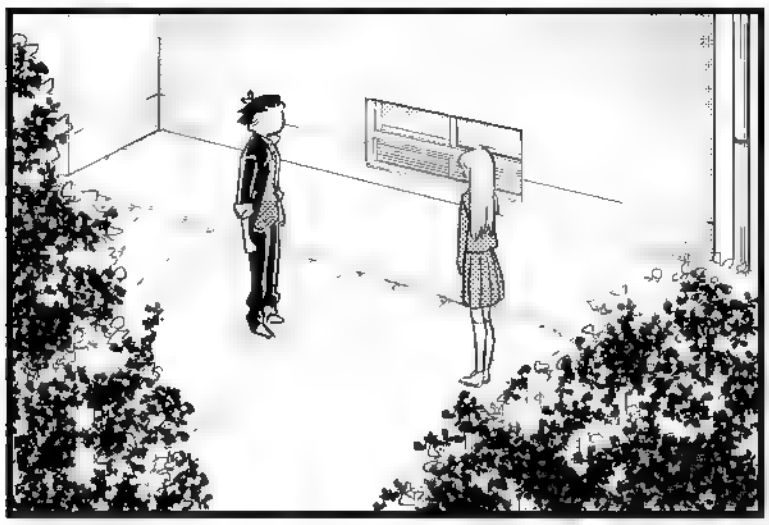
Communication 32: Tadano in Junior High

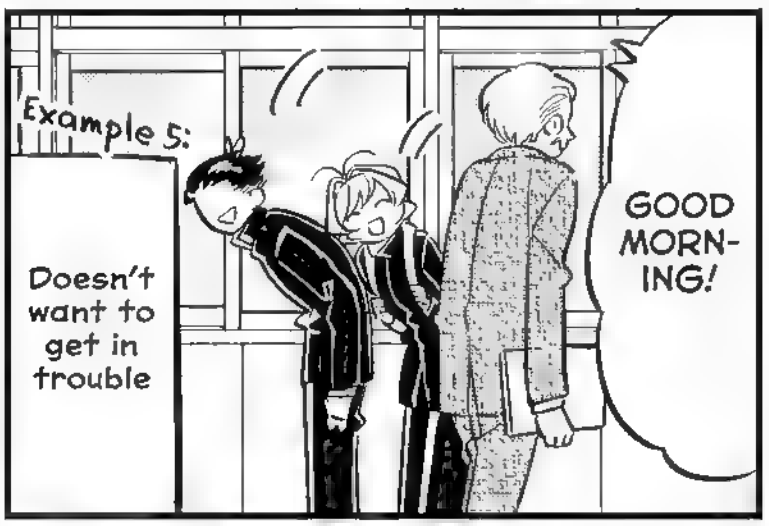
Dragon T-shirt
Whoosh
OOPS...
SORRY.
BUMP
GOOD MORNING, TADANO!
Na-jimi
HUH?!
?
...
Kawai
TH-THAT'S KAWAI! THE CLASS PRIN-CESS!
FWOOSH
Example 4:
Picks fights in front of girls
S-sorry!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE WALKIN'! GRAH!
Example 3:
Dodges invisible attacks
SURE, WHAT-EVER.
IF I HADN'T MOVED RIGHT THEN, I COULD'VE REALLY GOTTEN HURT.

The L in "Operation L" Means Love

"You-Know-What"







Normal

This Is Hard

...

I SHOULD STOP TRYING TO BE COOL.

NORMAL. I'LL JUST BE NORMAL.

W...

WHY NOT?

HUH?

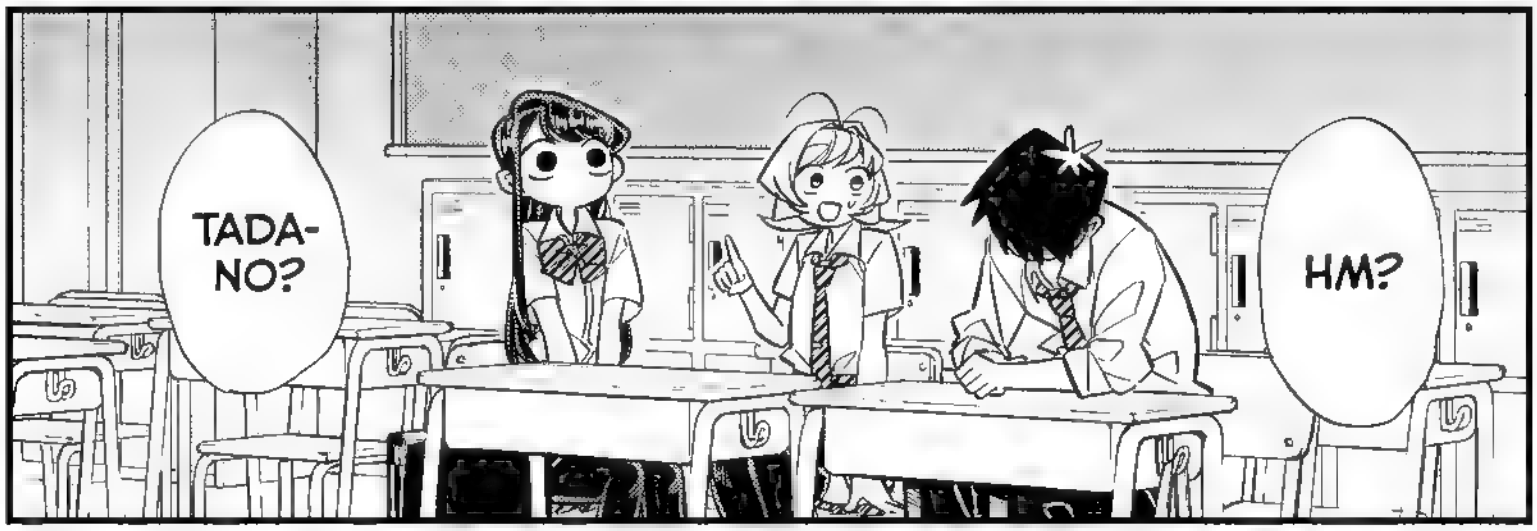
Thus was Tadano's personality formed.

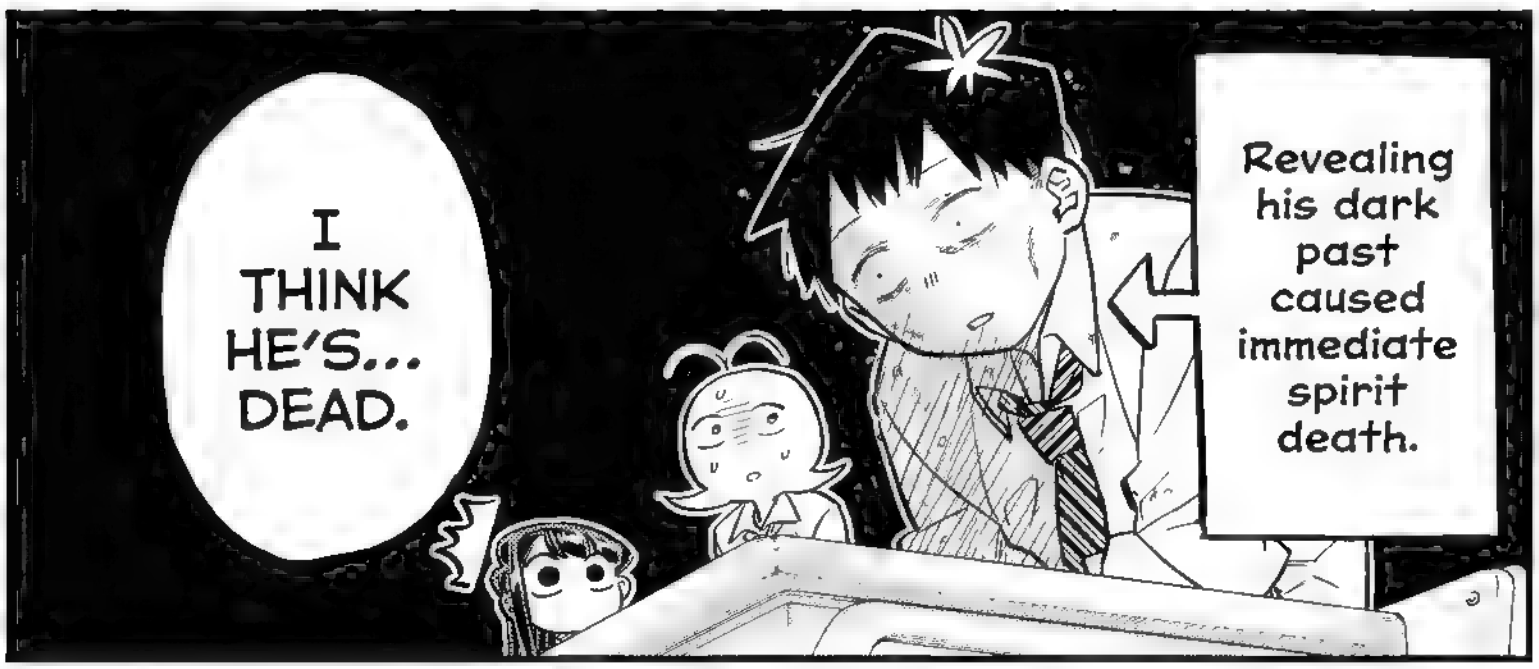
AND I WON'T MAKE ANY WAVES!!

...YOU DORK!

BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING THROUGH A PHASE...

HA HA HA! AND TADANO HAD IT BAD!
A LOT OF TEENS LIKE TO THINK THEY'RE SPECIAL, BUT IT'S JUST A SIGN THAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH A PHASE!





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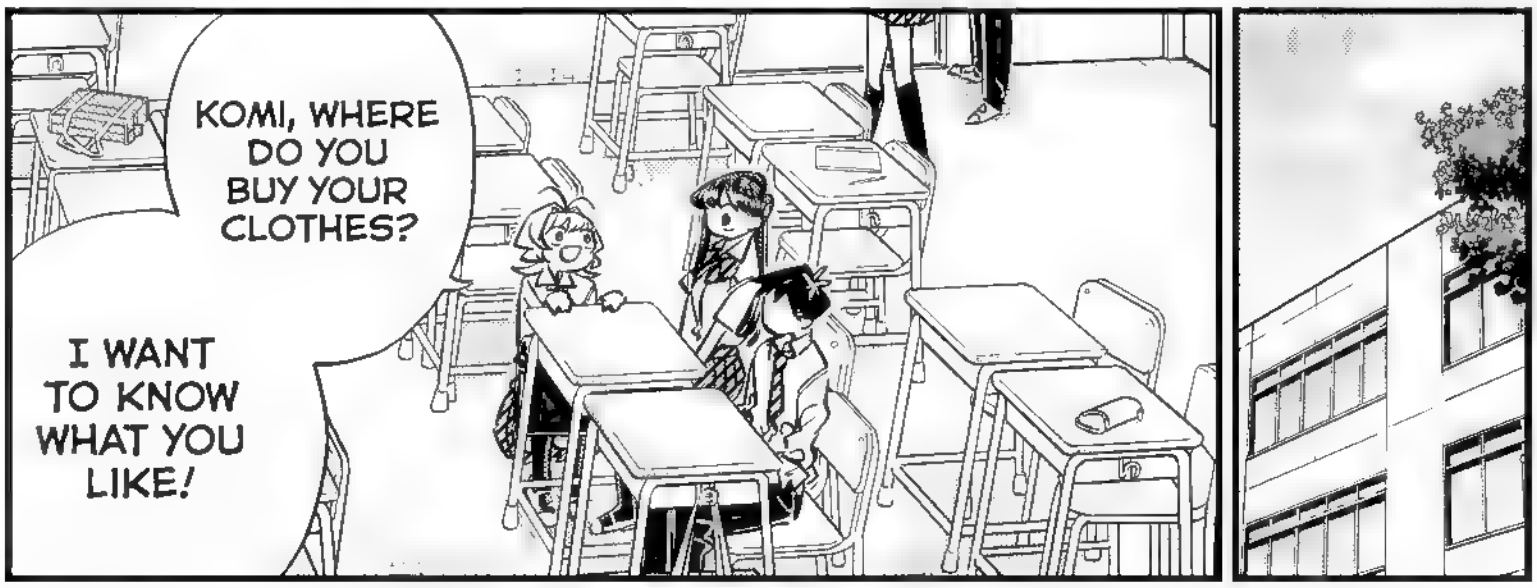
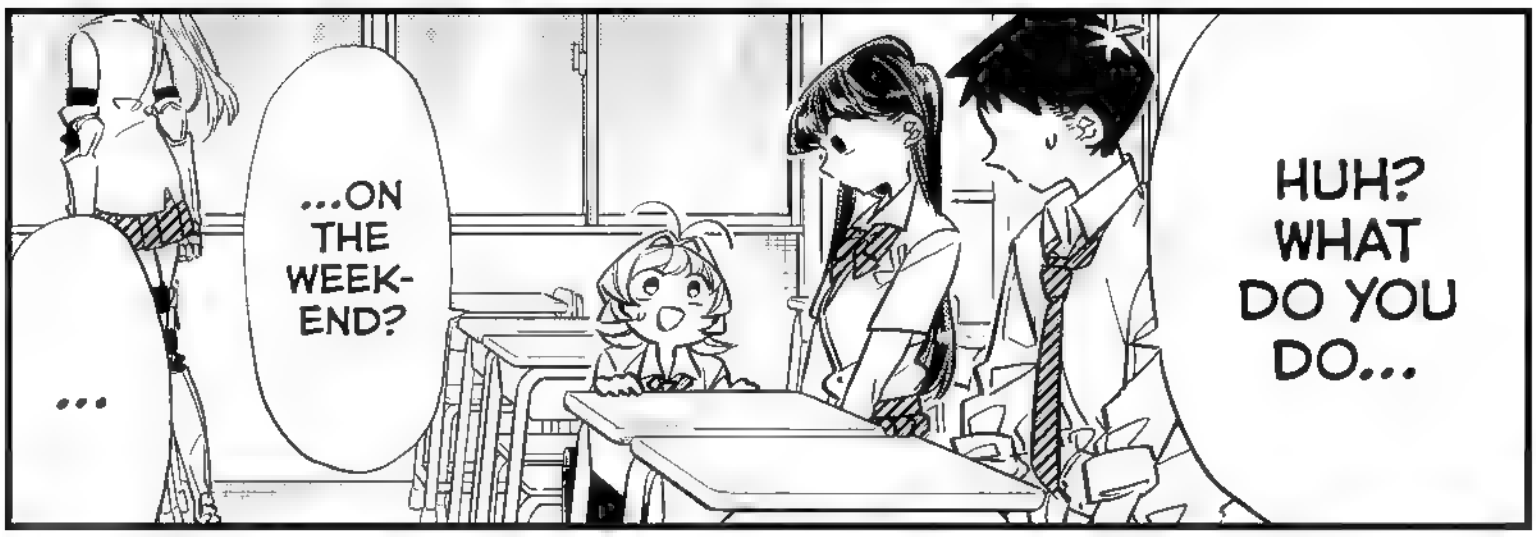

KOMI, WHERE DO YOU BUY YOUR CLOTHES?
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU LIKE!

SHE'S NEVER BOUGHT ANY?!
I've never bought any.


...
...ON THE WEEK-END?
HUH? WHAT DO YOU DO...

THAT'S SAD, KOMI!!
I rarely leave the house.

Communication 33: Shopping

TO THE LOCAL STATION MALL!!

!!

Then let's go clothes shopping together !!

"...I appreciate the thought, but..."

"Um..."

Um, I appreciate the thought but

SHE'S SCARED ?!

I'm scared.

TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL

AH HA HA! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SCARED OF!

TADANO AND I WILL BE WITH YOU!

HUH? I'M GOING TOO?

OF COURSE!

IS THAT OKAY? A BOY? GOING SHOPPING WITH GIRLS?

Girl

Diffi-cult to deter-mine

AND CLOTHES SHOPPING! THEY'LL BE CHANGING, SO I BETTER NOT GO!

Wants him to come but also doesn't

...

SEE?! KOMI DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO RESPOND!

Sorry. I need an inter-preter.

I really do.

OH... RIGHT.

...

NOD

CAN I INVITE SOMEONE ELSE?

YEEP!

JOLT

FUMP

FUMP

WANNA GO CLOTHES SHOPPING WITH KOMI?

HEEEY

AGARI!

NO. *NOT* LIKE THAT.

N

Y-YEAH, I'LL GO!

HUH? **CLOTHES** SHOPPING? YAY! LIKE TAKING ME FOR A WALK?

...

CHATTER

CHATTER

HERE WE ARE!!

Sta-tion mall

WE WANT THE THIRD FLOOR!

OH, HIIII!

Some-times twice a day?

Eight times a week!

Do you come here often?

IT'S OBVIOUSLY NOT A COINCIDENCE!!

What a surprise!

Yamai

KOMI! WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!!

You could've just said something.

You overheard us making plans, huh?

N

Huh? Whatever do you mean, Najimi?

Y

Meeting here feels like fate!

♥

Y

Yamai joins the expedition.

Welcome!

!

Let's go to the bathroom!

?!

SPARKLE SPARKLE SPARKLE SPARKLE

High-pitched

...have a look around!

SHWF SHWF SHWF

Please ...

KOMI ?!

TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL

It would go well with this!

Ooh, what a cute top!

KOMI, WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES DO YOU LIKE?

Kyaah! She's so cute!

CRINGE

CRINGE

YEAH!

YOU MUST HAVE *SOME* CLOTHES, RIGHT? WHAT'RE THEY LIKE?

SALE

SALE

...?

???

YOU KNOW, LIKE MOD, GIRLIE, FEMININE, CASUAL, BEACHY, HARAJUKU, STREETWEAR, ELF, PUNK, GOTH, ETC., ETC....

HER MOM?!

My mom buys my clothes, so I don't really know.

BWUP

I didn't have anything to wear.

I UNDER-STAND!

She's always wanted to go clothes shopping, but...

THE "CHOOSE KOMI'S OUTFIT" BATTLE?!

BA

IT'S TIME FOR THE "CHOOSE KOMI'S OUTFIT" BATTLE!

THEN SHE TRIES THEM ON, SCORES THEM AND BUYS THE WINNING COMBINATION!

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE! EACH PERSON SELECTS A HEAD-TO-TOE OUTFIT UNDER $100 (KOMI'S BUDGET)!

EVERY-ONE'S STOKED ABOUT THIS!

I'LL TRY MY HARDEST TO WIN!

I'M GONNA *DOMINATE* THIS!

GET SET, GO!

CRIK

CRAK

WHY DON'T WE JUST ALL DISCUSS IT?

People think she's a manne-quin.

But why a school uniform?

It looks so real!

What a lovely manne-quin!

COME ON OUT ...

... KOMI!

AND NOW, WHAT YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR! KOMI HAS STEPPED INTO HER FIRST OUTFIT!

Holding the curtain closed in embar-rassment

VMMMD-

KO-MI?

COME OUT? PLEASE?

Najimi's choice

Dress: $79

Pumps: $12

Hair tie: $3

WHOAAA

Komi

4

Total: 34 points

1

8

5

10

YOU JUST WANTED TO MAKE HER WEAR THAT ...

WHOOOA! I KNEW IT! THAT CHINESE DRESS IS THE PERFECT OUTFIT !!

Yamai's choice

Top: $49

Underwear: $15

Skirt: $79

Sandals: $79

Bag: $29

0

Yamai was disqualified for going over the budget.

WHOA!

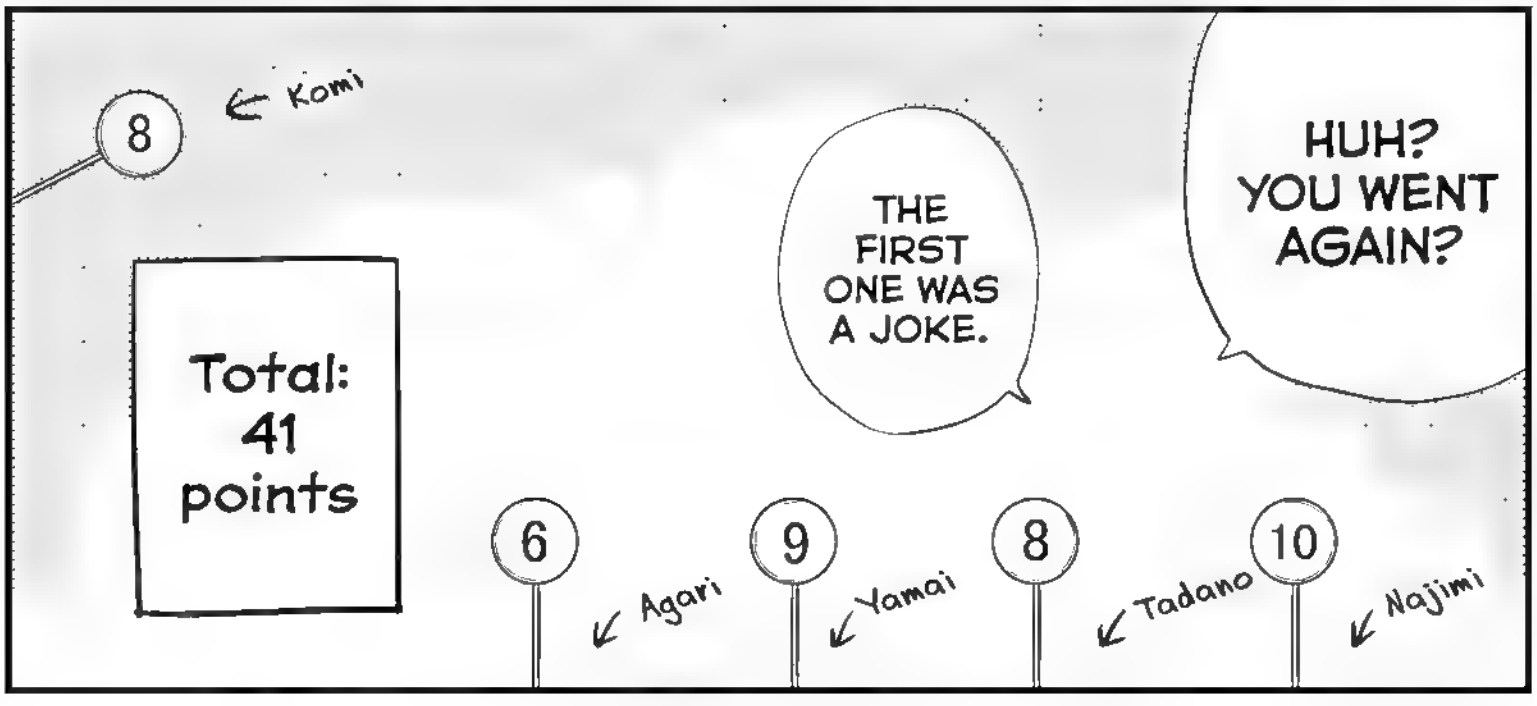
2

YAAAY

10

OH, THE PRICE? NO PROBLEM! I'LL BUY IT FOR YOU!

BLUSH
Najimi's choice
Glasses: $3
Headband: $6
Top: $2
Skirt: $2
Sandals: $2
Bag: Borrowed from Najimi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Komi
Total: 41 points
THE FIRST ONE WAS A JOKE.
HUH? YOU WENT AGAIN?
6
Agari
9
Yamai
8
Tadano
10
Najimi

BORING !!

Agari's choice

T-shirt: $19

Jeans: $49

Shoes: $2

2

Total: 18 points

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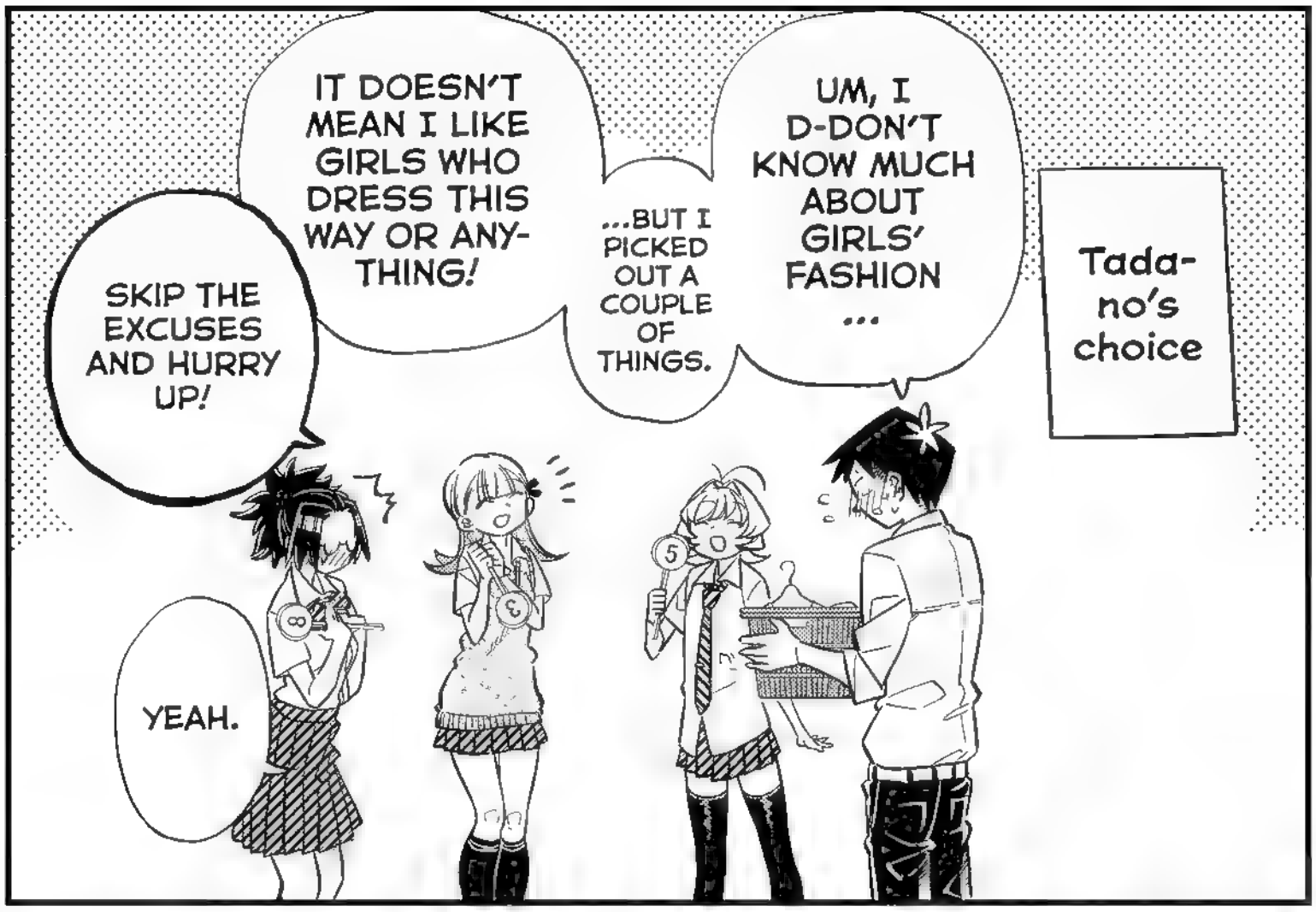
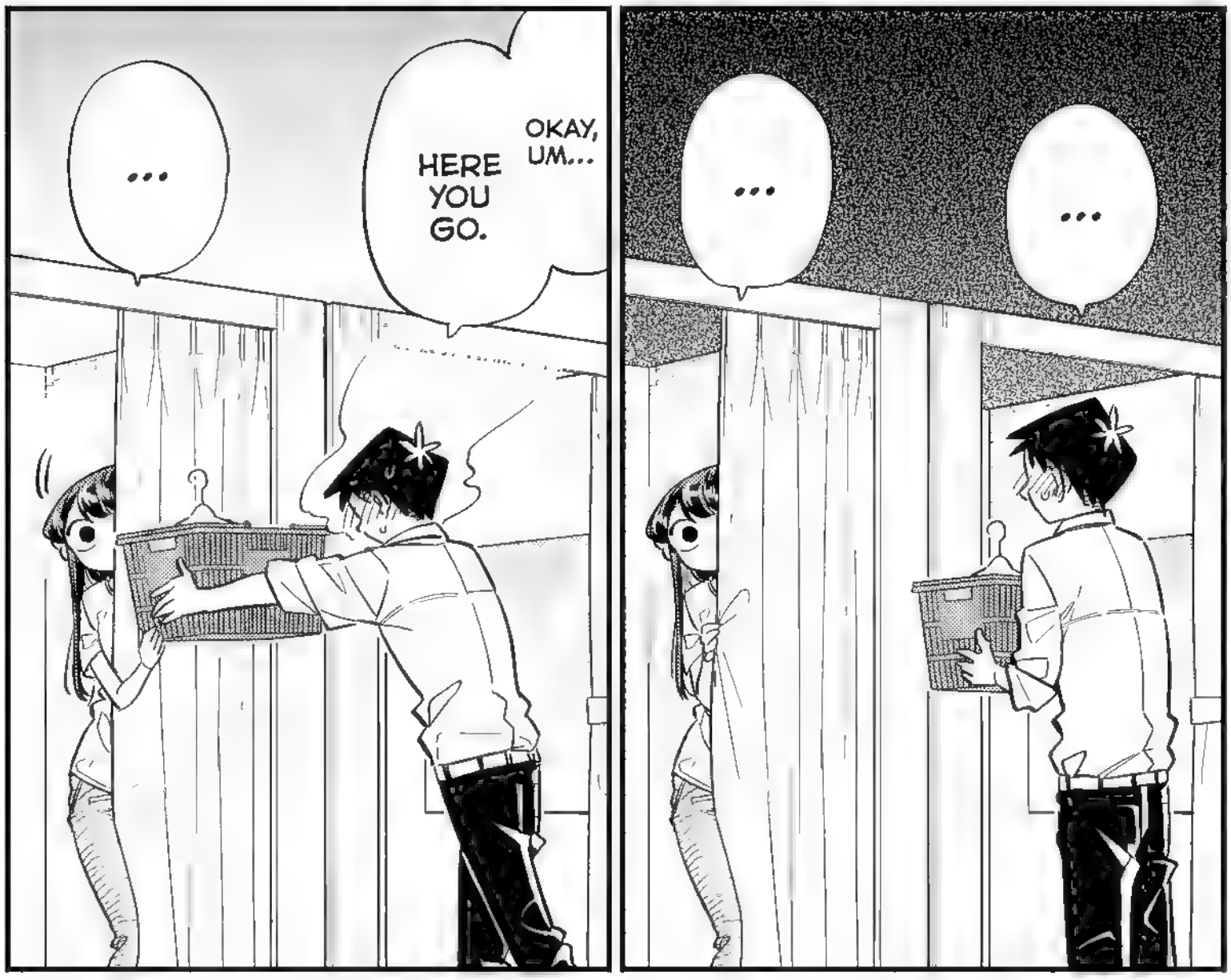
IT'S NOT CUTE?

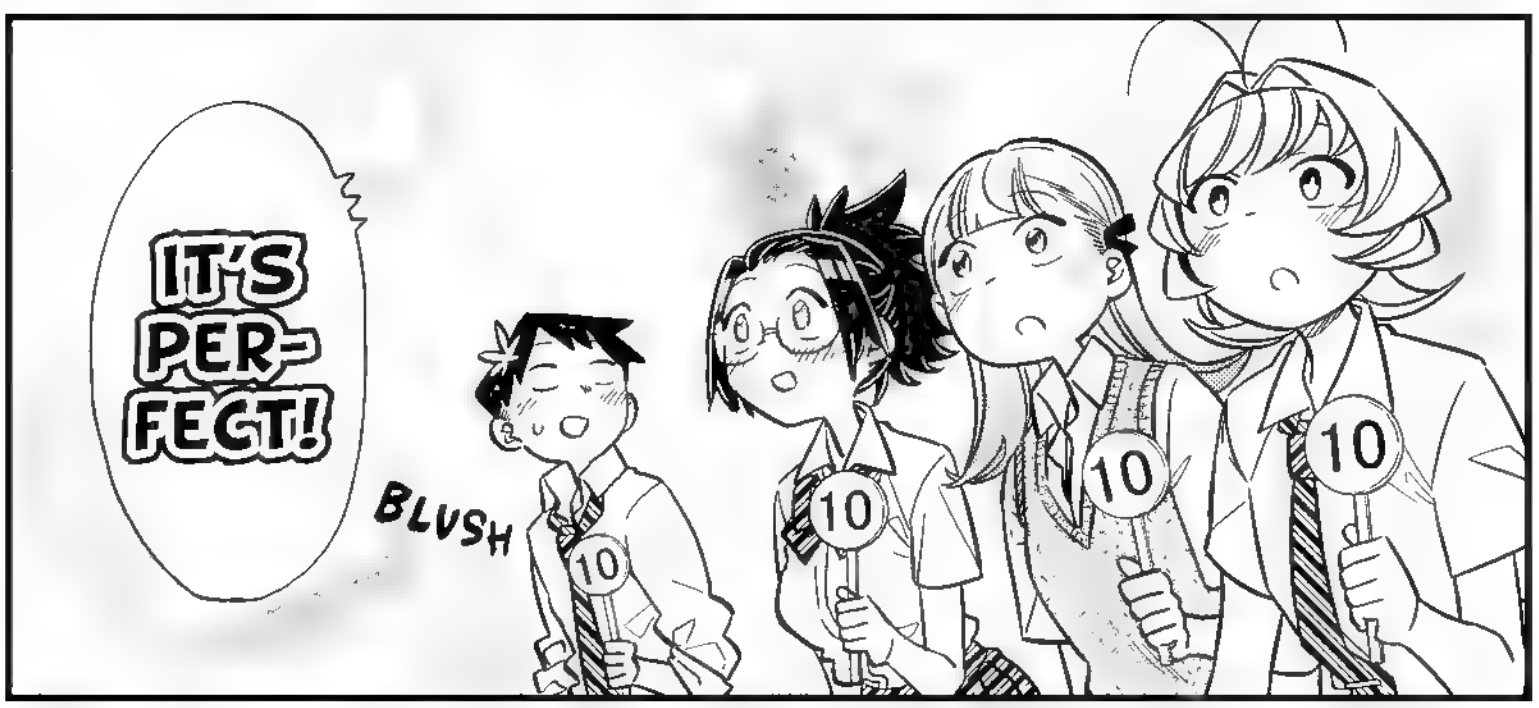
10

H-HUH?


SKIP THE EXCUSES AND HURRY UP!
IT DOESN'T MEAN I LIKE GIRLS WHO DRESS THIS WAY OR ANY-THING!
...BUT I PICKED OUT A COUPLE OF THINGS.
UM, I D-DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT GIRLS' FASHION ...
Tada-no's choice
YEAH.


...
HERE YOU GO.
OKAY, UM...
...
...

Tada-
no's
choice
Dress: $50
Sandals: $19


IT'S
PER-
FECT!
BLUSH
10
10
10
10

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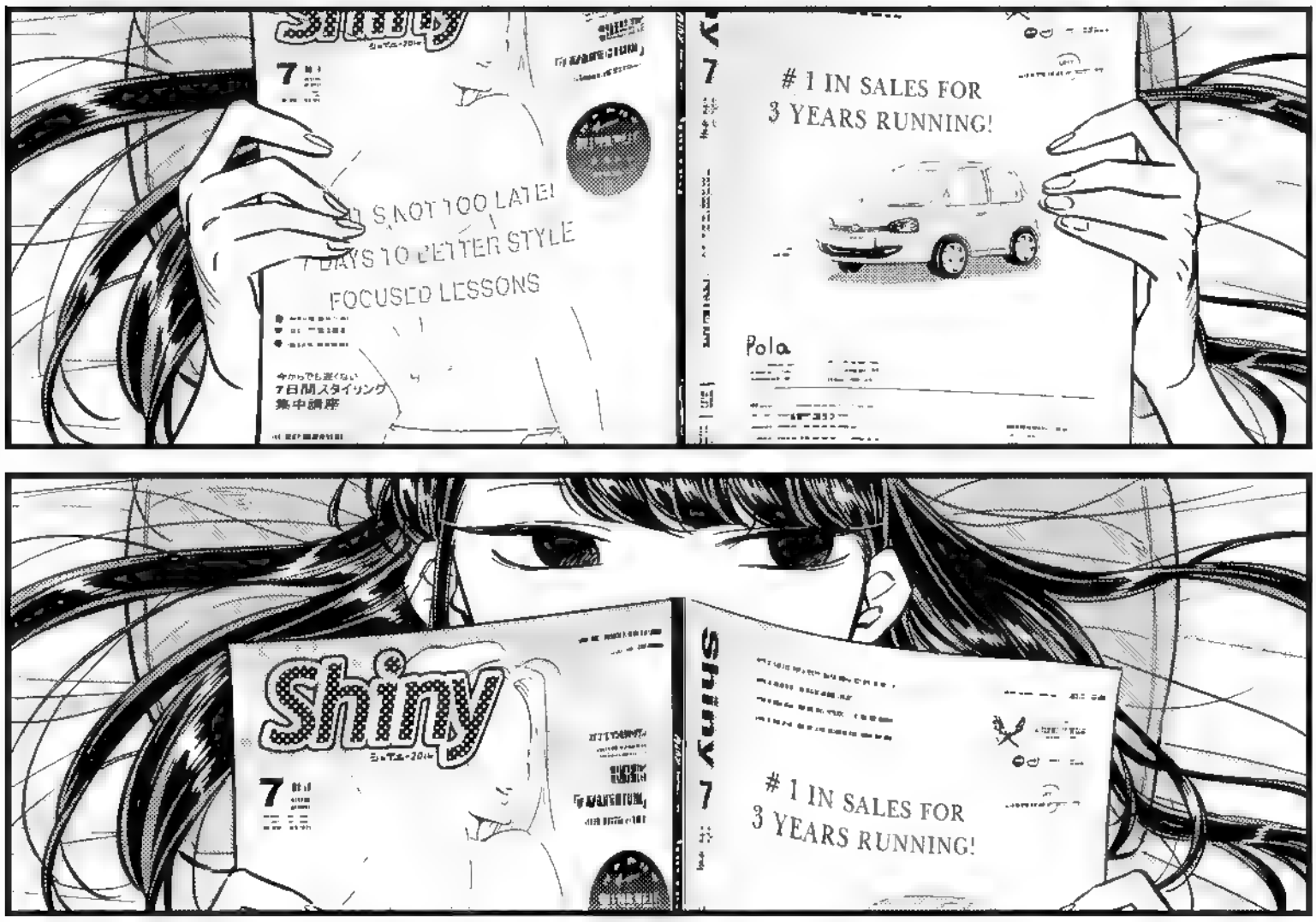
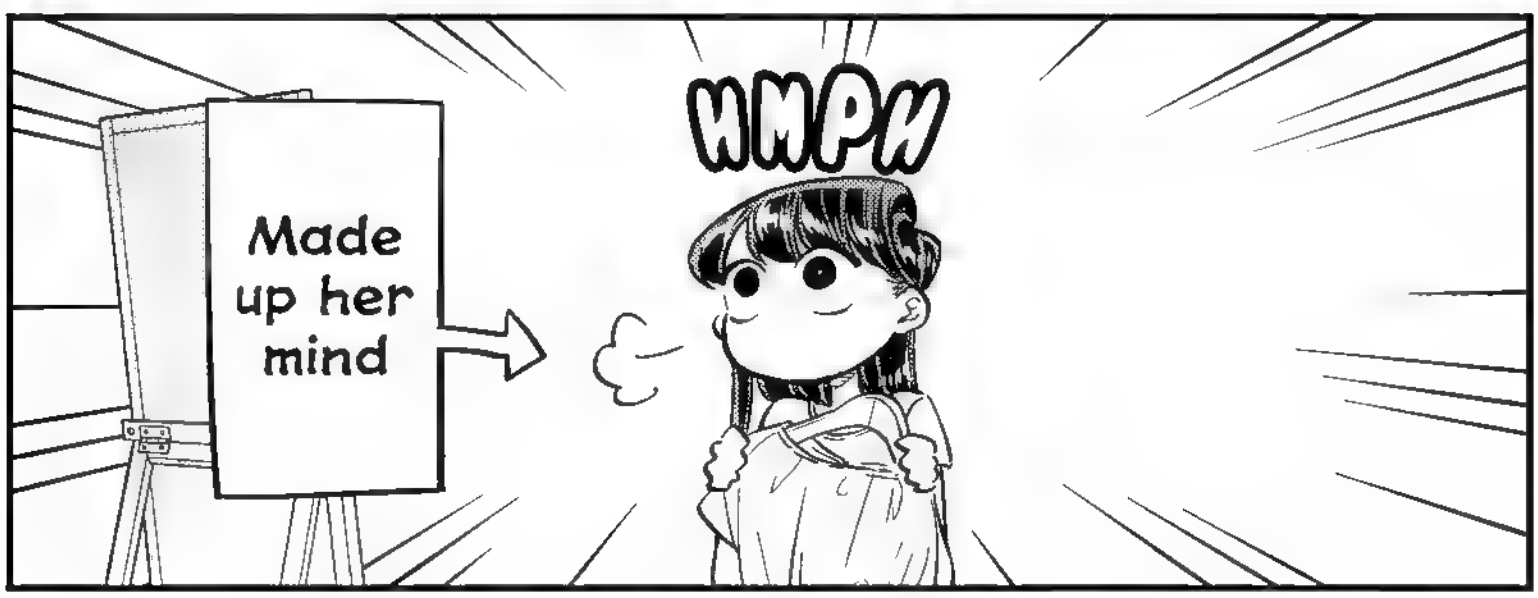

Shiny
7
S NOT TOO LATE!
7 DAYS TO BETTER STYLE
FOCUSED LESSONS
今からでも遅くない
7日間スタイリング
集中講座
1 IN SALES FOR
3 YEARS RUNNING!
Pola
Shiny
7
1 IN SALES FOR
3 YEARS RUNNING!

POKE
POKE


Made up her mind
HMPH

Communication 34: Beauty Salon

I JUST STARTED WORKING AT THIS BEAUTY SALON!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

MY NAME IS KAMIKO ARAI!

GLOW

...BUT SOME-DAY...

I'M A NEWBIE, SO ALL I DO IS WASH HAIR AND SWEEP...

DING DING

GLEAM GLEAM

GO SWEEP OUT FRONT IF YOU'VE GOT SPARE TIME, ARAI.

SHE'S A SUPER-COOL, SUPER-SKILLED HAIR-DRESSER!

GLEAM

AND THIS IS MAKI KARISU!

?!

Arai

TREMBLE TREMBLE

...I'M GONNA BE A SUPER STYLIST LIKE KARISU!

WEL-COME! PLEASE, COME INSIDE!

SMILE

I'LL PUT ON A BIG SMILE!

OH! SHE MUST BE A CUSTOMER!

?!

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

HAVE I FLUBBED IT AGAIN ?!

WELL! THIS IS AWK-WARD!

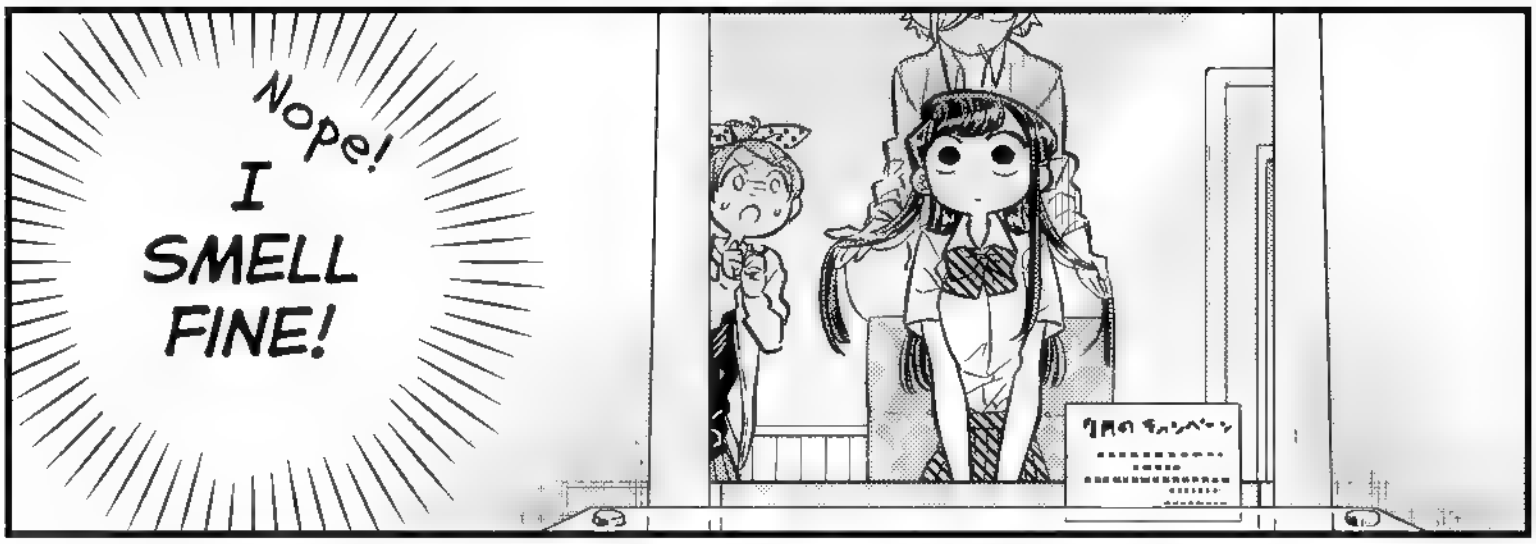
NO? JUST A PASSER-BY?

SHE WENT IN?!

SWSH

HELLO, SHOKO! COME ON IN!

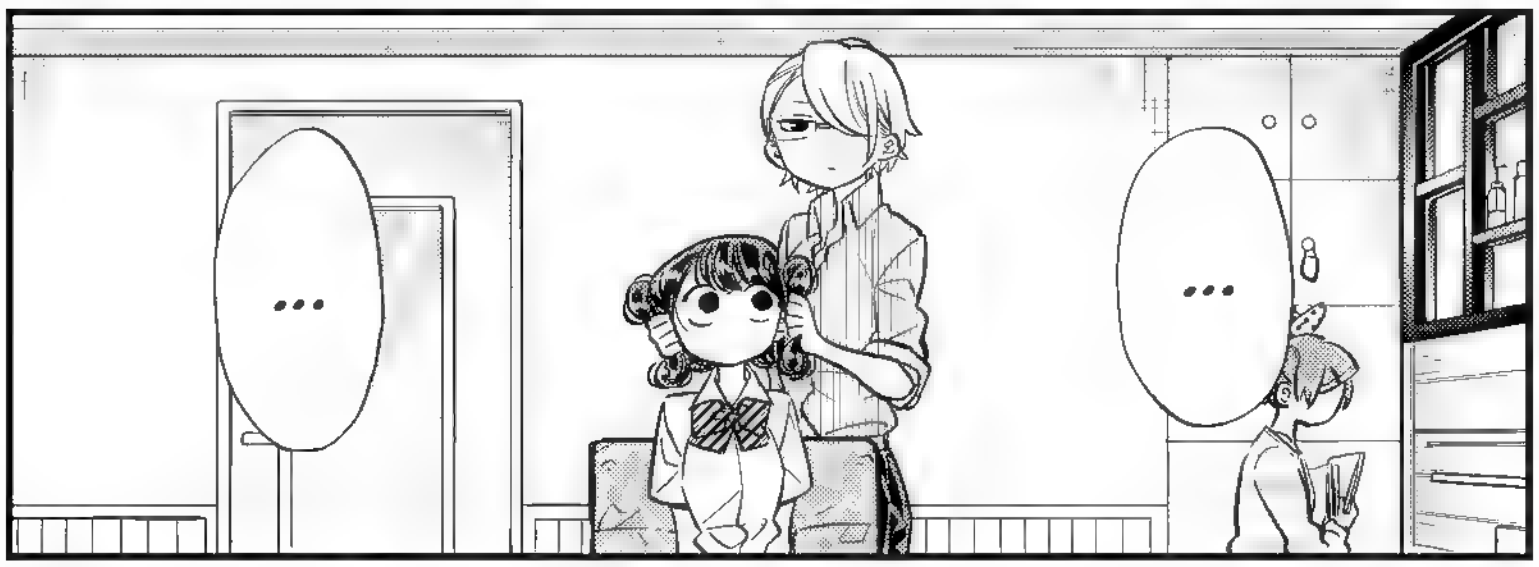
WHY DIDN'T SHE COME IN FOR ME?!
SO SHE IS A CUS-TOMER!
AM I S-STINKY ?!
SNIFF SNIFF
WAS I TOO PUSHY ?
WAS MY SMILE WEIRD?


Nope! I SMELL FINE!

WHOA! DON'T STARTLE ME!
BOW
JOLT
STUPEN-DOUS WORK, KARISU!!
KARI-SU'S JUST BETTER THAN ME!!

...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR HAIR?
Yep! She's super!

...
FWIF FWUF
...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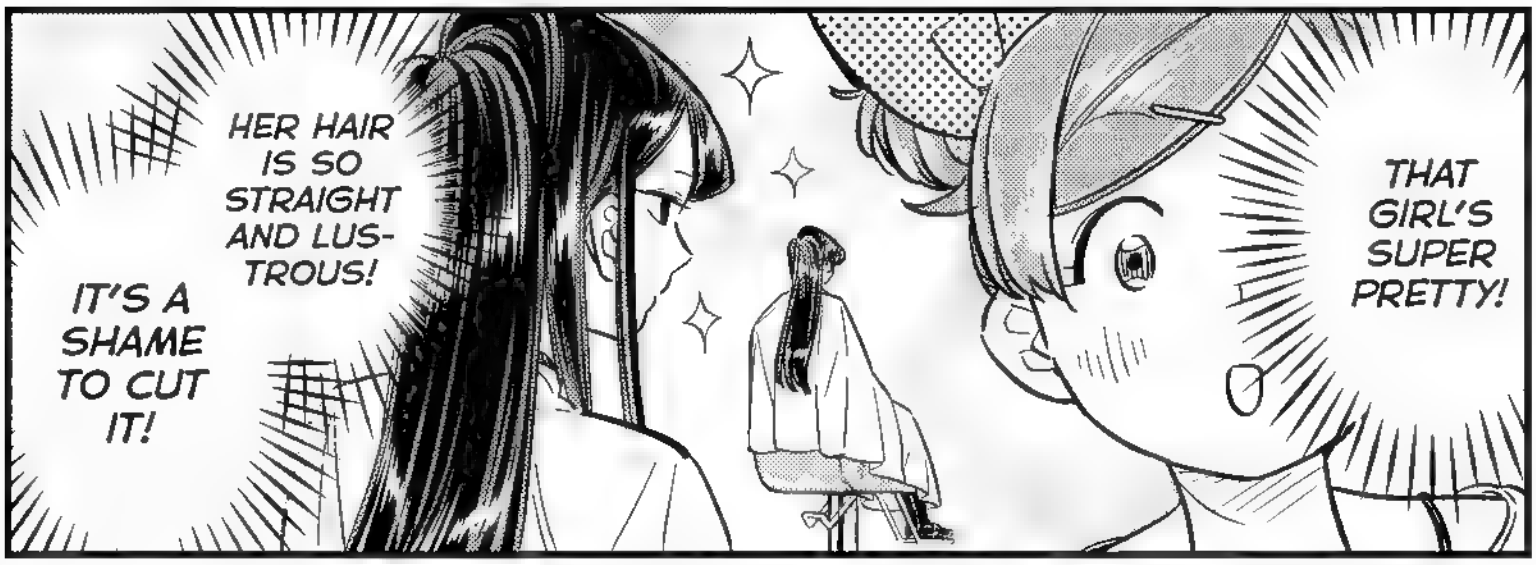
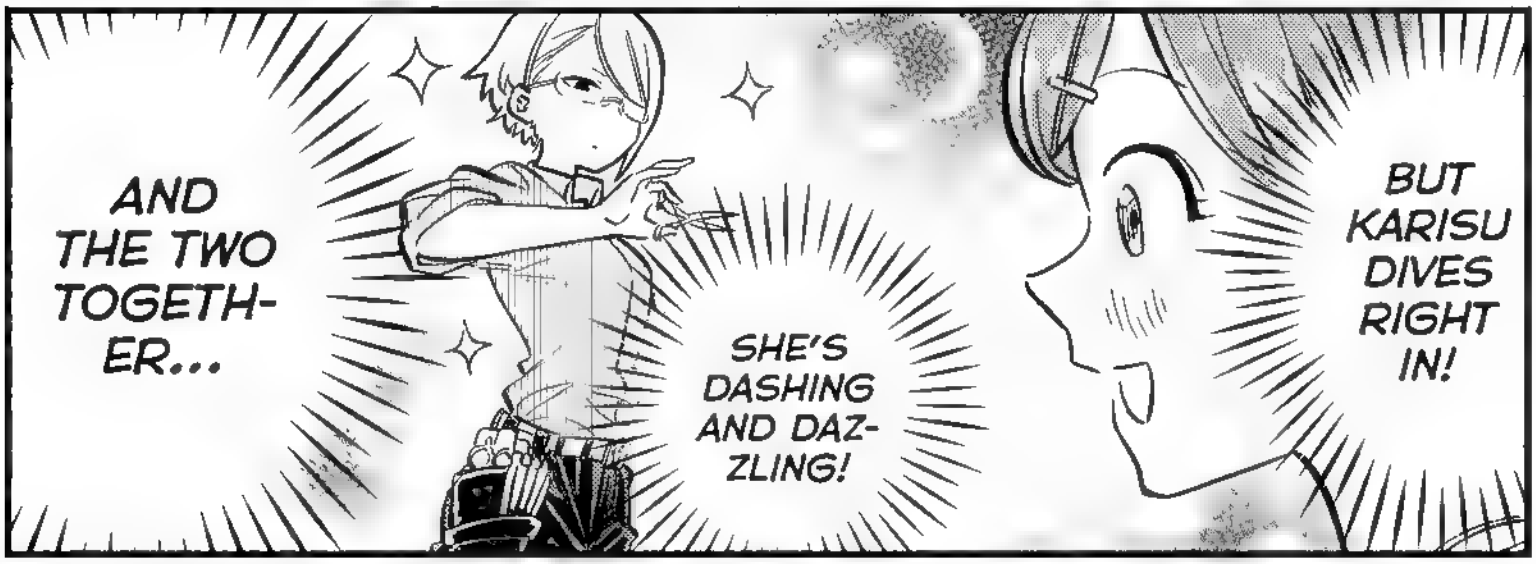
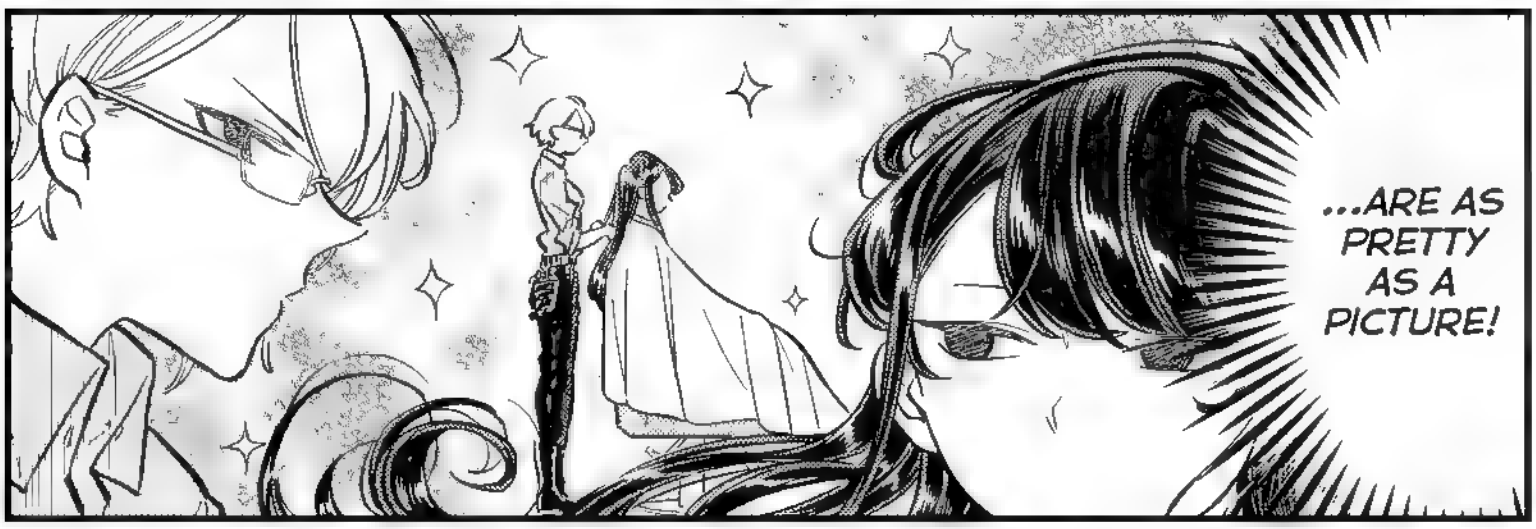
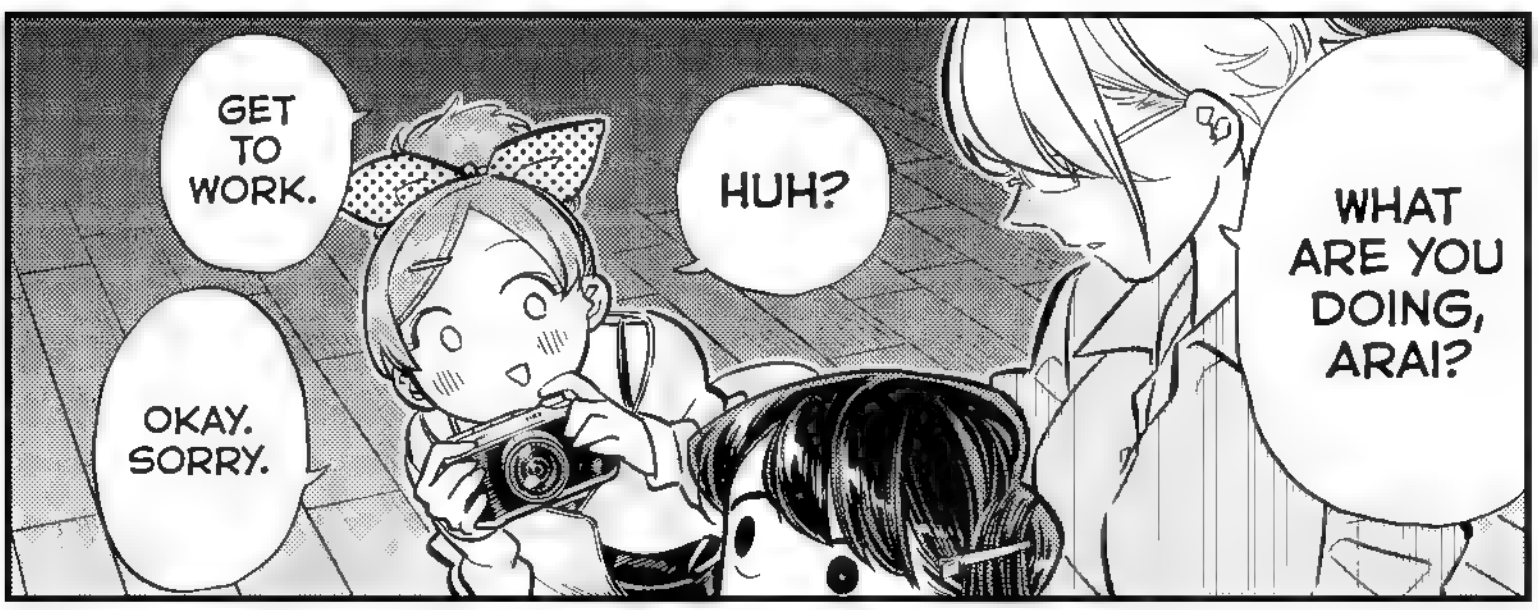
?!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
I'll give you the usual.
JUST KIDDING.
OKAY, SHORT AND BLONDE.


HER HAIR IS SO STRAIGHT AND LUS-TROUS!
IT'S A SHAME TO CUT IT!
THAT GIRL'S SUPER PRETTY!


AND THE TWO TOGETH-ER...
SHE'S DASHING AND DAZ-ZLING!
BUT KARISU DIVES RIGHT IN!


...ARE AS PRETTY AS A PICTURE!


GET TO WORK.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ARAI?
OKAY. SORRY.

PWIK

!

July Drink Menu

Cold Yerba Mate
Iced Coffee
Apple Juice
Citron Tea
Matcha

Hot Green Tea
Black Tea
(straight milk)
Hot Coffee
Seaweed Tea
Citron Tea

WOULD YOU LIKE A COMPLI-MENTARY DRINK?

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

Forgot to move her hand outside the drape

Panicking because her hand can't find the way out

?!

?!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

TADAAAH
THIS SUMMER'S FASHION
CLEAN-N NEAT SUMMER SHOES
FEEL FREE TO READ THESE!
!
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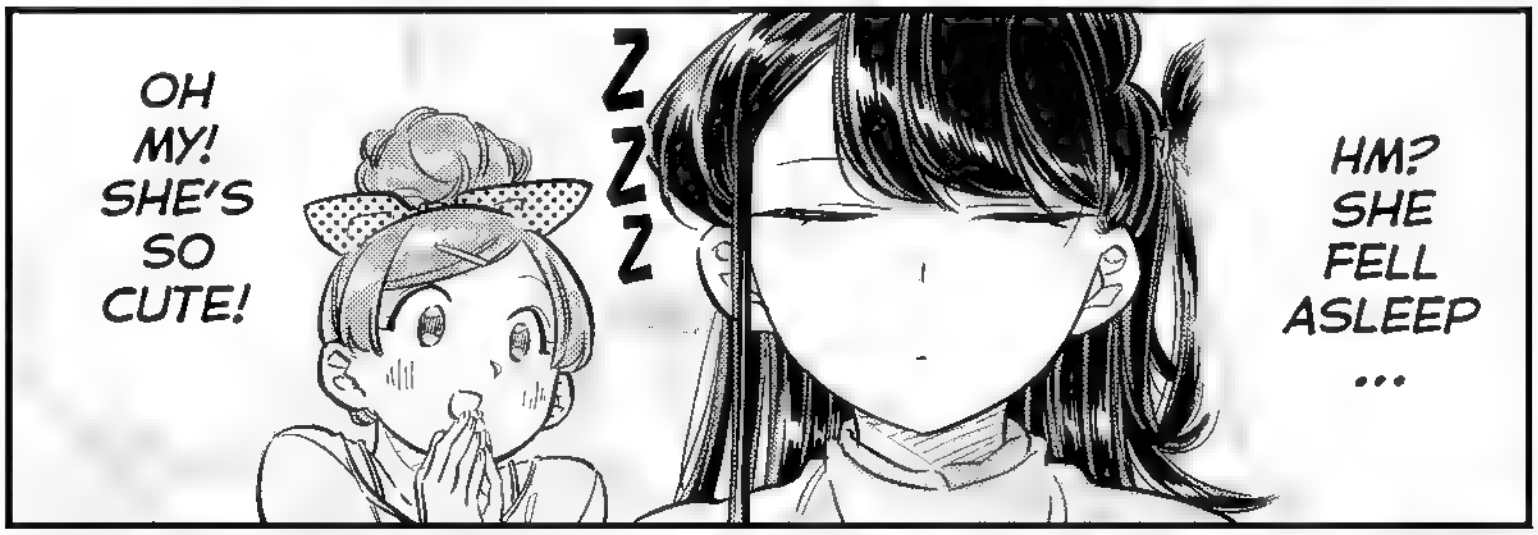
OH MY! SHE'S SO CUTE!
ZZZ
HM? SHE FELL ASLEEP ...

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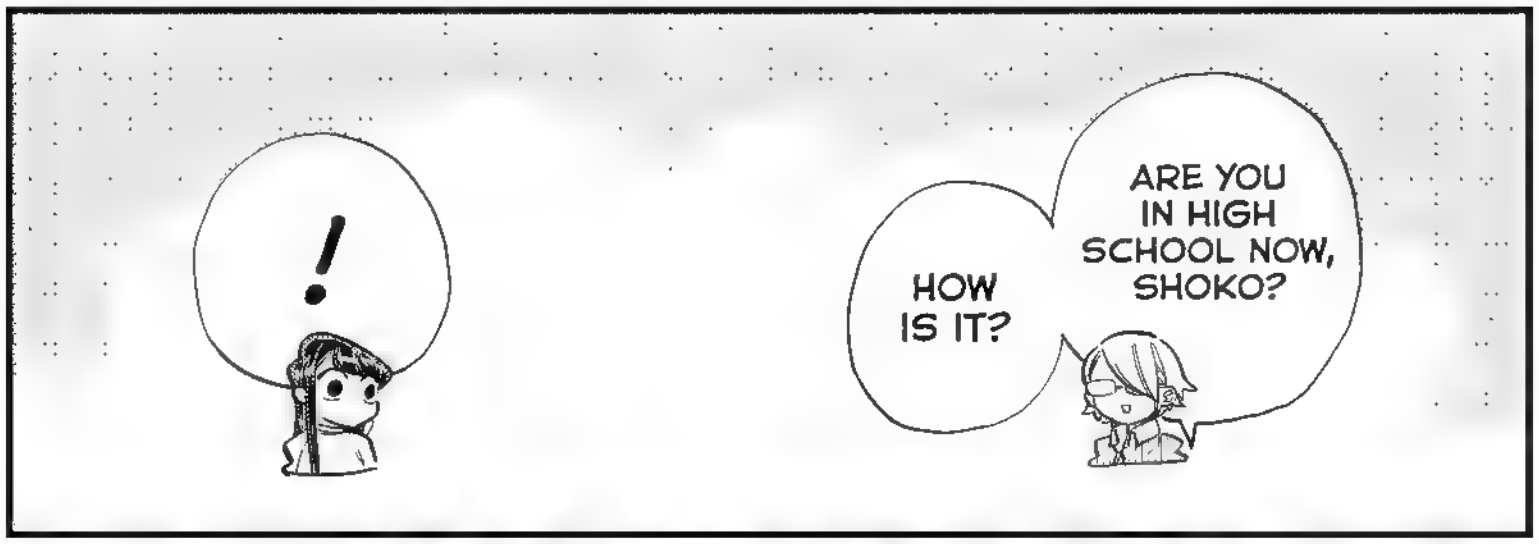
GAck
SHE'S JUST PRETEND-ING TO SLEEP.
So I won't talk to her.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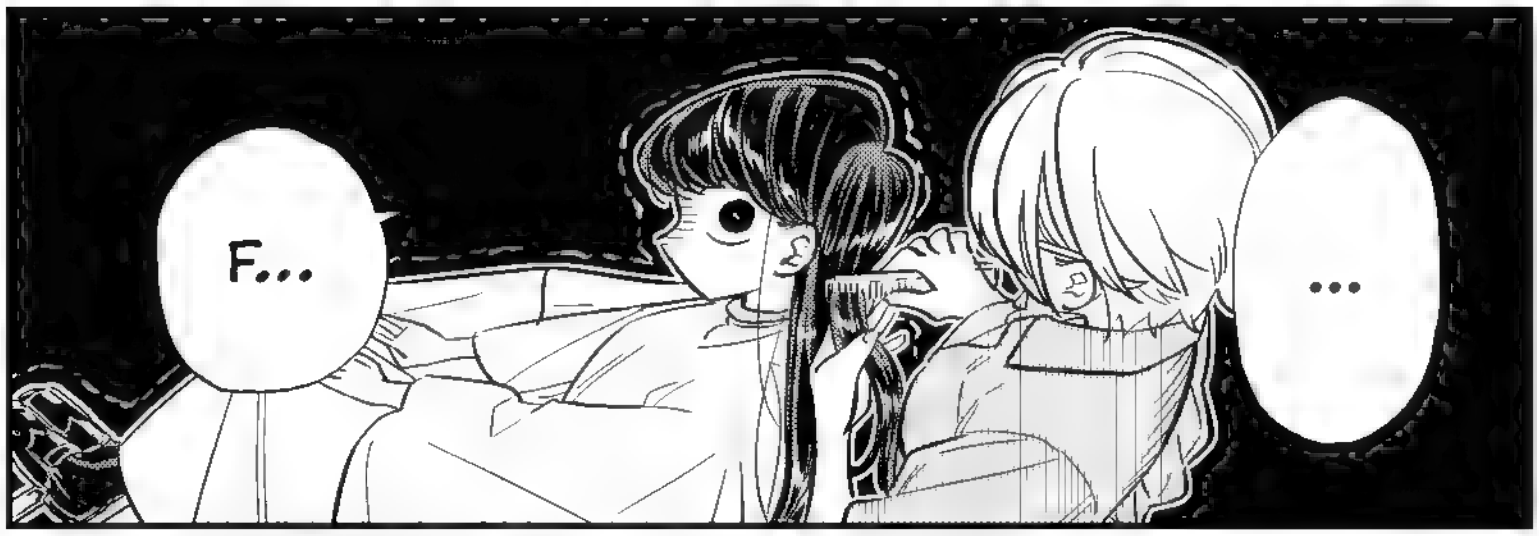
HOW IS IT?
ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW, SHOKO?

...
...
...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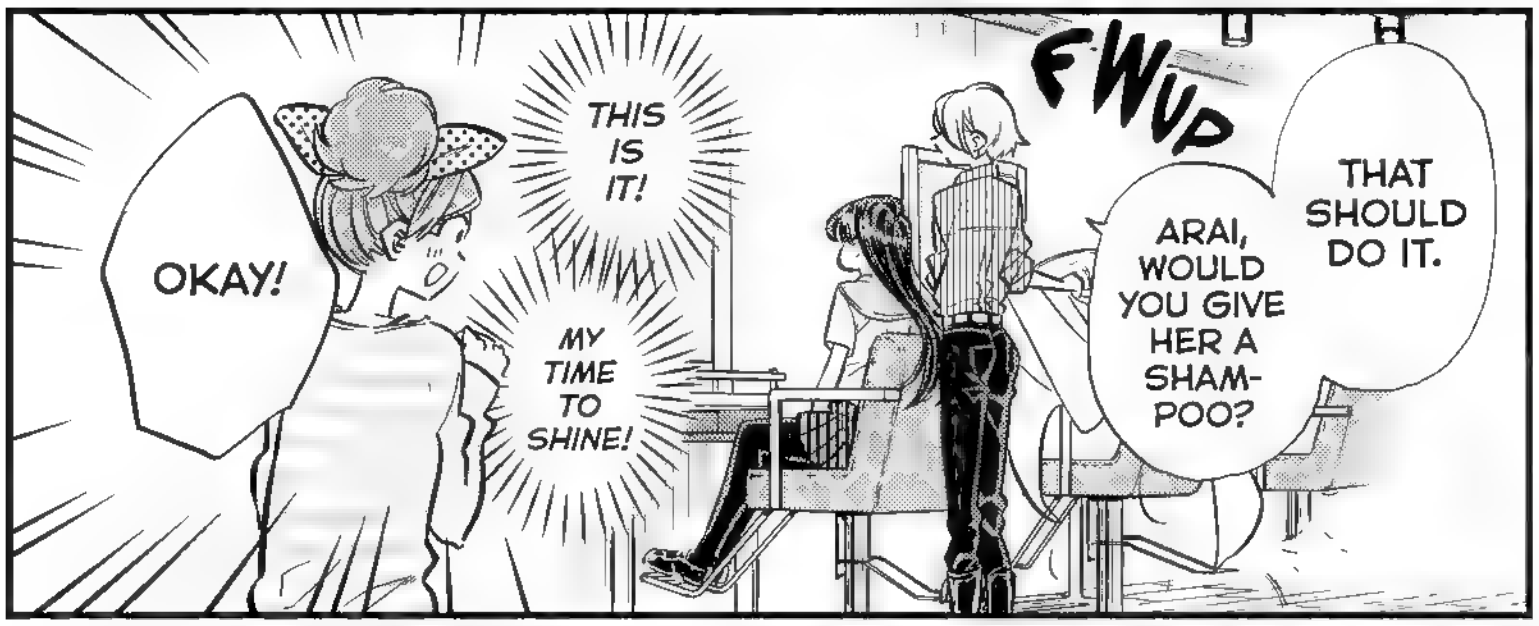
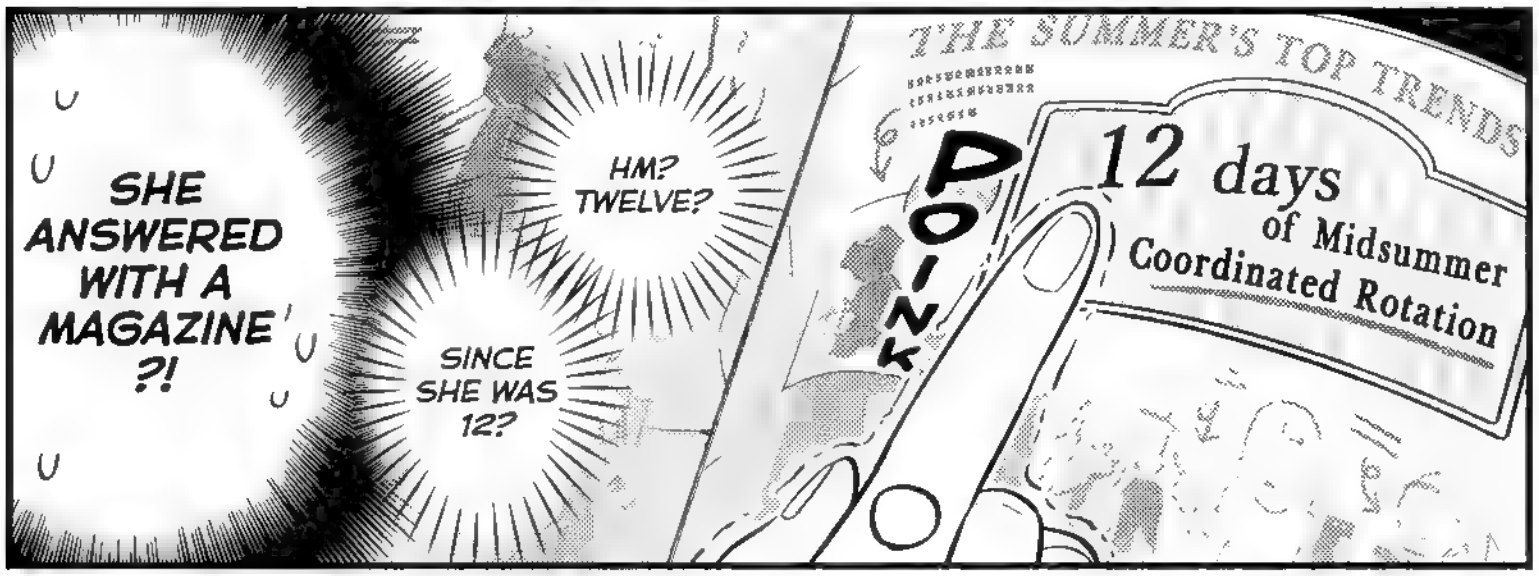
KARISU UNDERSTOOD THAT FROM A SINGLE SOUND! IMPRES-SIVE!!
Wowww
THAT'S GOOD.
FUN, HUH?


OKAY!
THIS IS IT!
MY TIME TO SHINE!
FWUP
ARAI, WOULD YOU GIVE HER A SHAM-POO?
THAT SHOULD DO IT.

H-HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COMING HERE?
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
IF I DO ANYTHING WRONG, JUST TELL ME!
I STARTED IN APRIL, SO I'M STILL GETTING USED TO THE WORK!
JUST DO LIKE KARISU WOULD DO!

...
SWIP
I HUMBLED MYSELF AND FOLLOWED UP WITH AN EASY QUESTION! GO, ME!


SHE ANSWERED WITH A MAGAZINE ?!
HM? TWELVE?
SINCE SHE WAS 12?
POINK
THE SUMMER'S TOP TRENDS
12 days
of Midsummer
Coordinated Rotation

WHY NOT JUST SAY, "SINCE I WAS 12"?!

URGH

URGH

WHY ANSWER WITH A MAGA-ZINE?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

SHE IGNORED ME OUT FRONT TOO!

DOESN'T SHE WANT TO TALK TO ME?!

...I'LL NEVER BE A SUPER STYLIST!

BLOOP

AT THIS RATE ...

IS SOME-THING WRONG WITH ME?!

?!

TRMBL TRMBL

?!

Why?

MUTTER

MUTTER

Why?

MUTTER

Why?

FWA AH

All finished

I'M GLAD.

NOD NOD

WELL? DO YOU LIKE IT?

HERE'S YOUR RECEIPT.

FUMP

UGGH

EXACT CHANGE? THANKS.

THAT'LL BE $48.

Paying

CLINK CHACHING

HUH?

TOUGH SHE

TH-THANK YOU! PLEASE COME AGAIN!

DING DING

!

HM?

OH, THAT?

...DID I DO SOME-THING WRONG?

...

KARI-SU...

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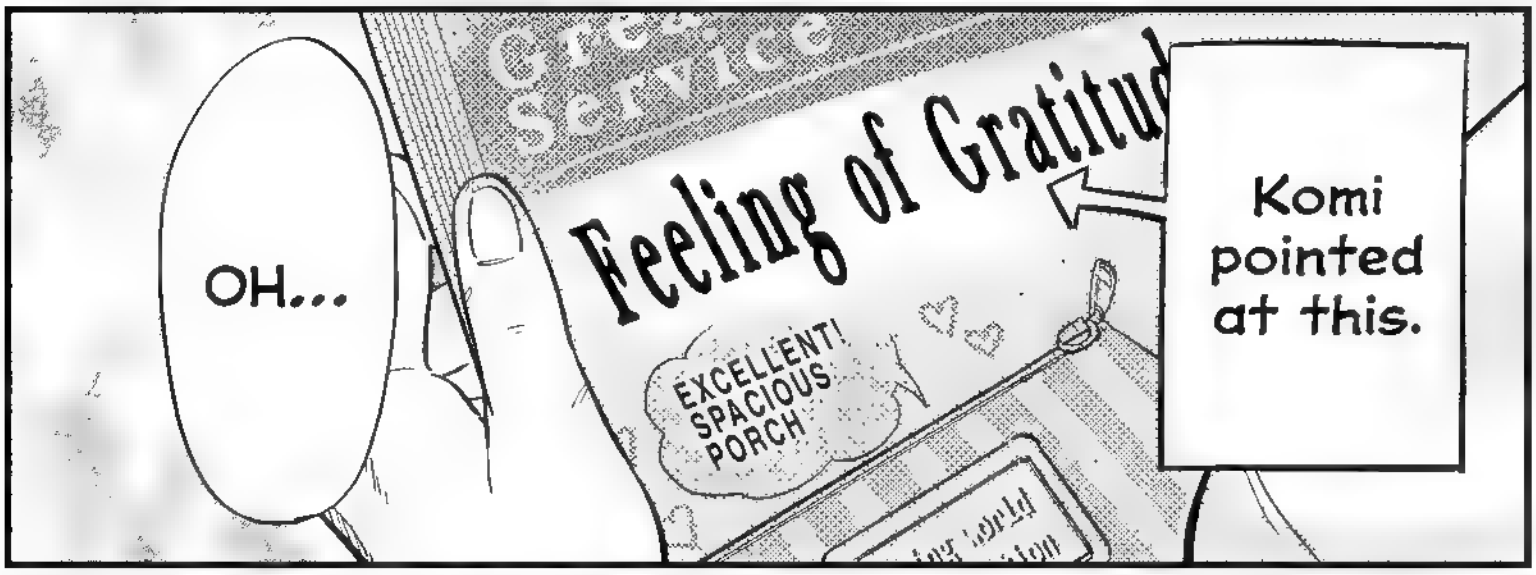
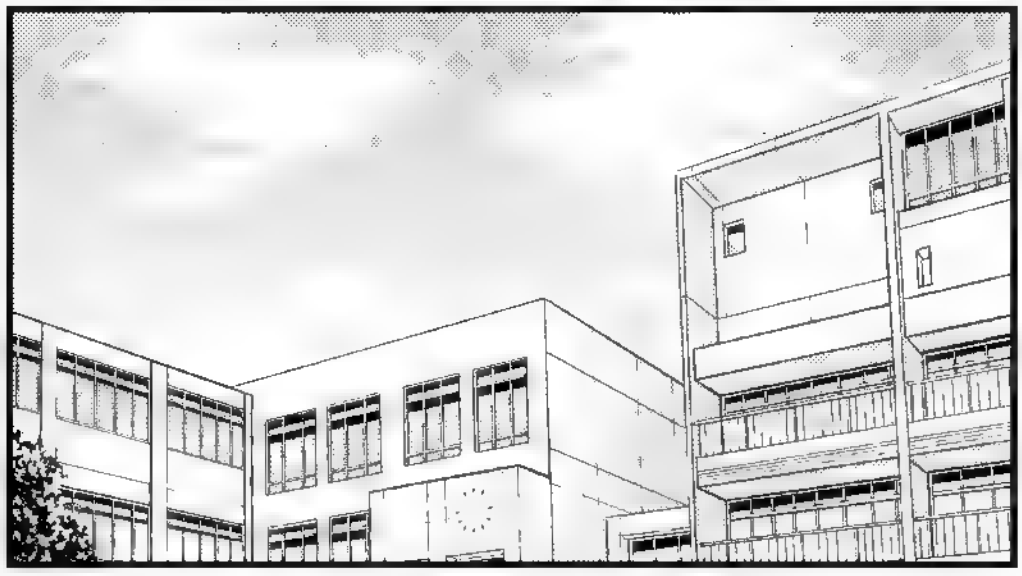
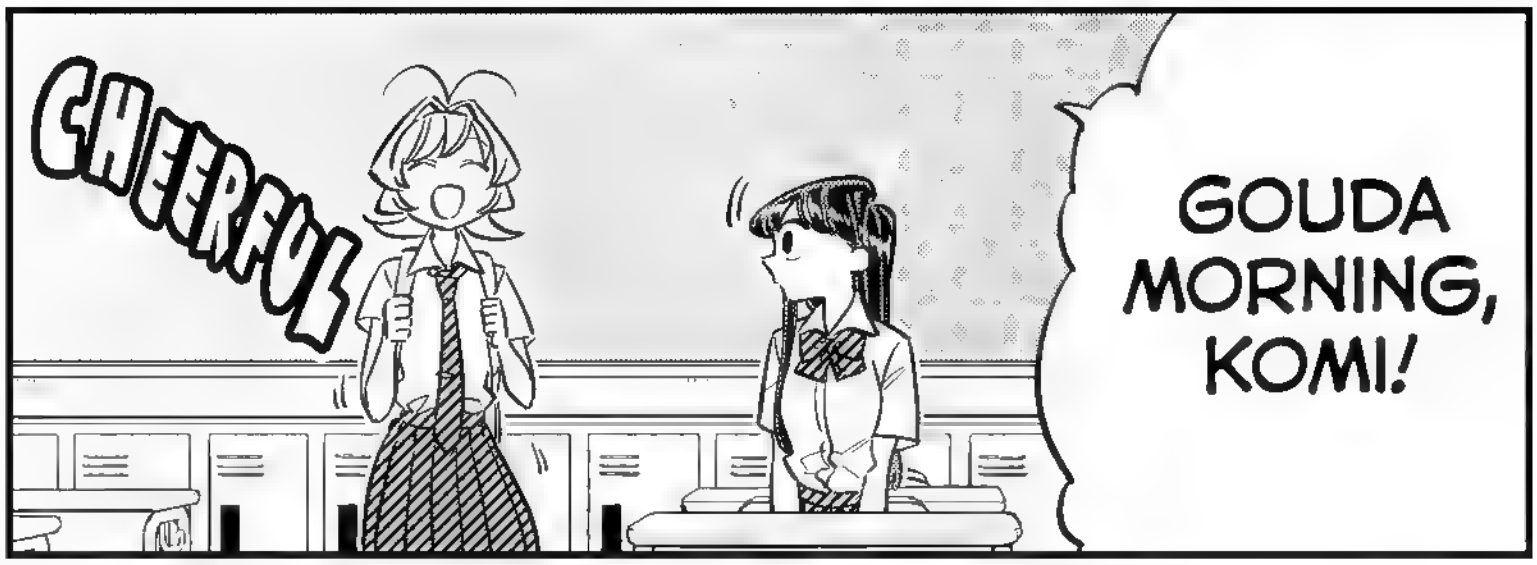
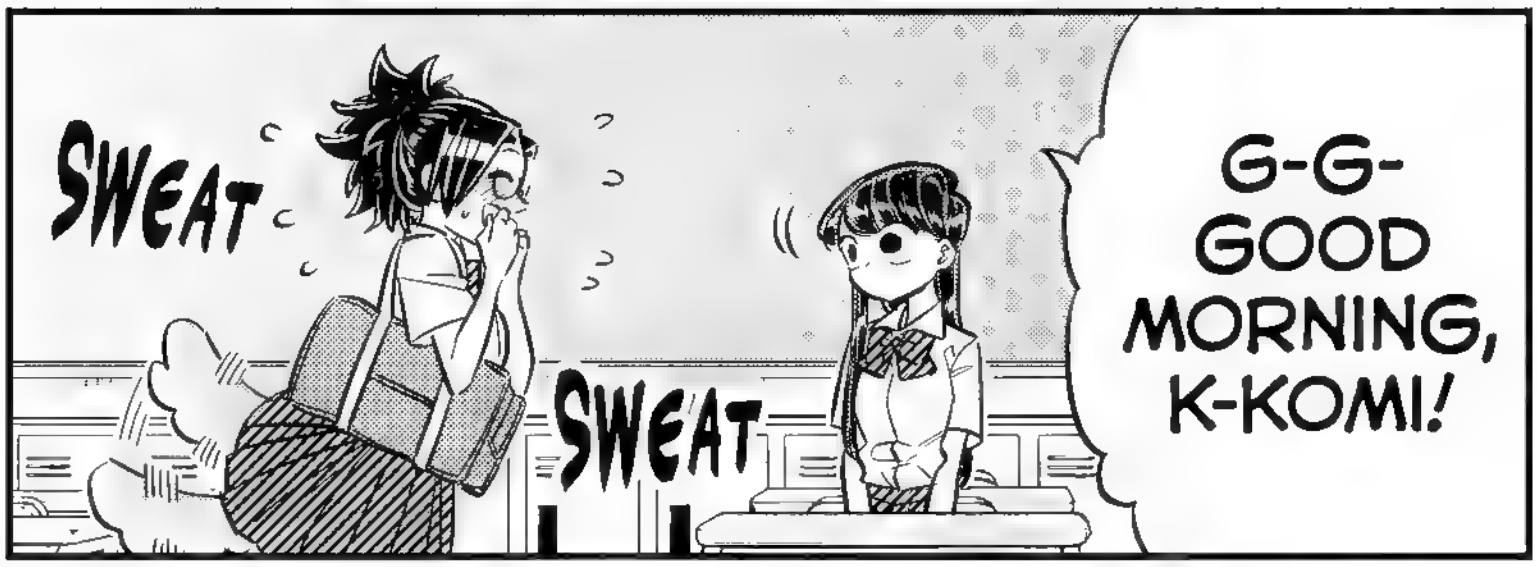
SOME PEOPLE DON'T LIKE TO CHAT WITH THEIR STYLIST.
THUMP

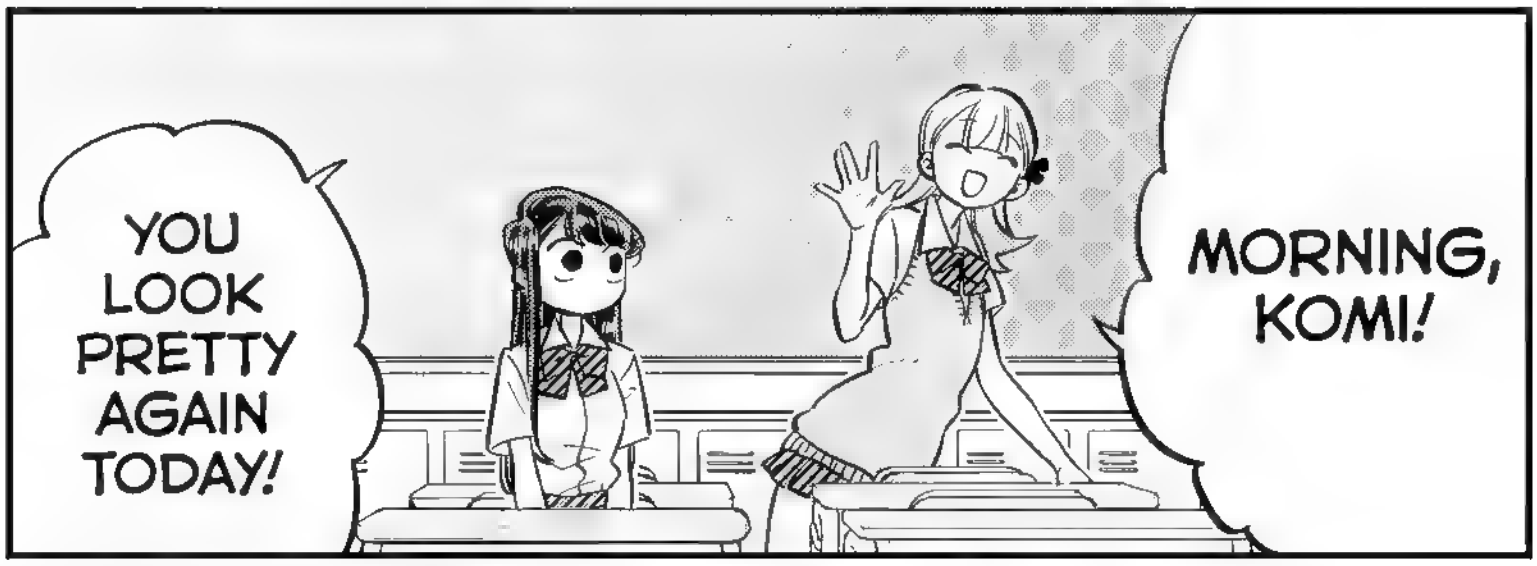

OH...
Feeling of Gratitud
EXCELLENT! SPACIOUS PORCH
Komi pointed at this.

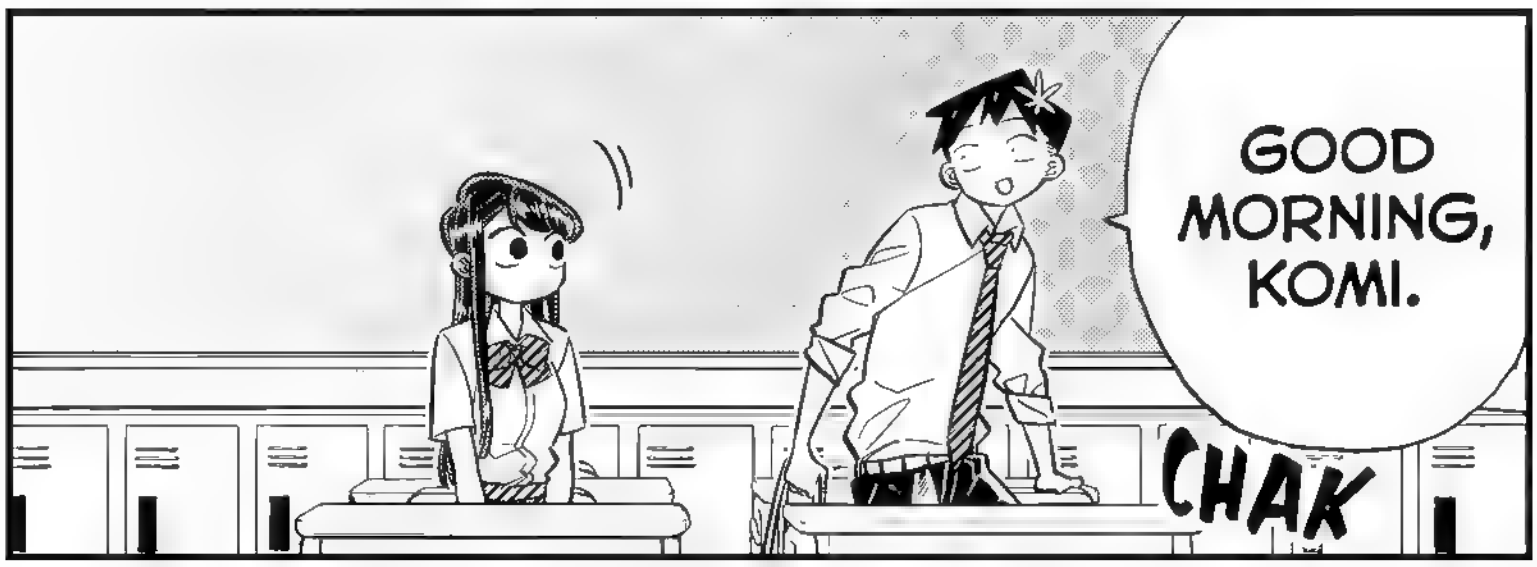
1 - 1
GOOD MORNING!

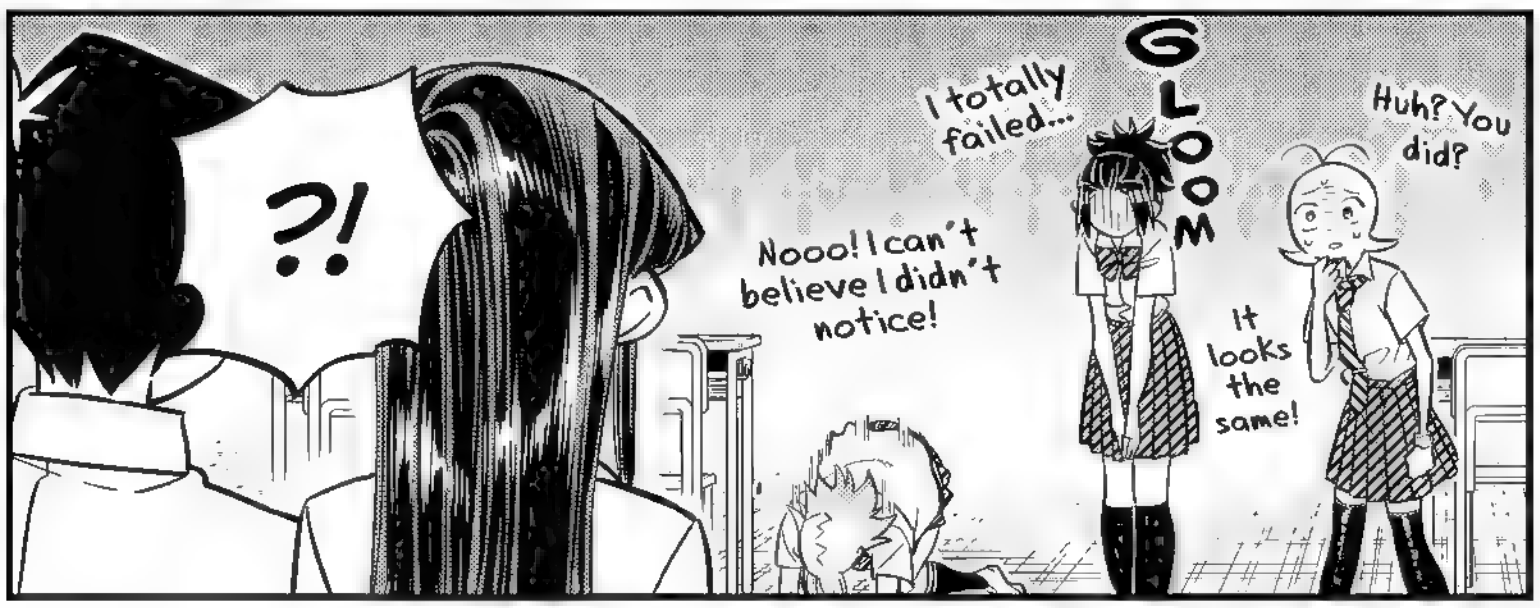



CHEERFUL
GOUDA MORNING, KOMI!


SWEAT
SWEAT
G-G-GOOD MORNING, K-KOMI!


YOU LOOK PRETTY AGAIN TODAY!
MORNING, KOMI!


GOOD MORNING, KOMI.
CHAK



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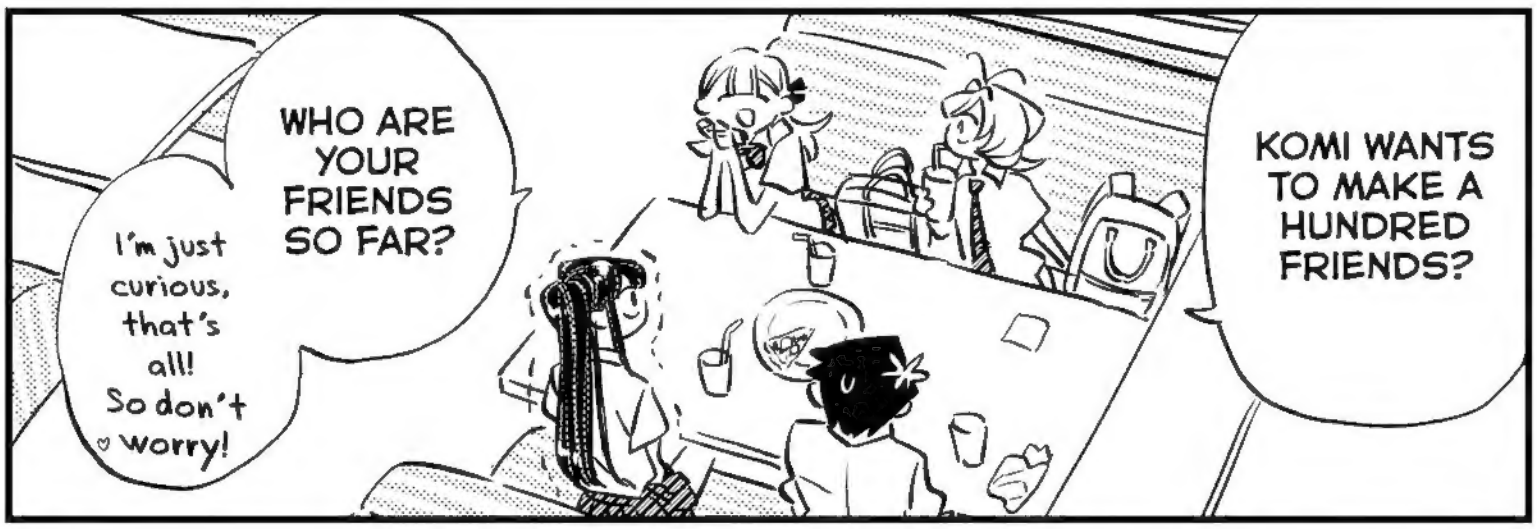

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Cut Scene: Tadano Tied Up

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